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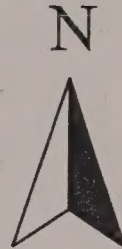
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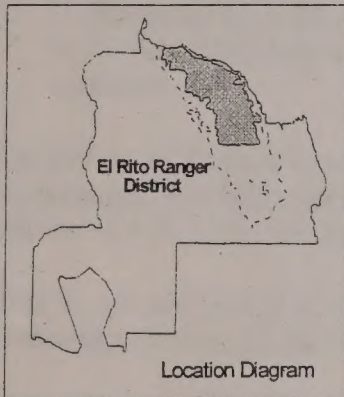
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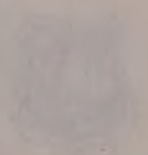


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File Code: 1950
Date: August 30, 2001

Mr. Charles Perry
Wild Horse and Burro Freedom Alliance
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Belen, NM 87002-3131

Dear Mr. Perry:

On August 22, 2001, the El Rito Ranger District completed an environmental analysis that resulted in an Environmental Assessment, entitled **"Wild Free-Roaming Horse Management on the El Rito Ranger District."**

The analysis is for the updating of the management plan for the wild horse herd on Jarita Mesa. The goals for this analysis are:

to determine the appropriate boundary of the area to be managed for wild horses, and

to determine the appropriate management level (AML) of wild horses that maintains or improves the condition of the vegetation/soil/watershed on Jarita Mesa and that is consistent with the Carson National Forest Plan as amended.

The Preferred Alternative at this time is **Alternative C**. Under this alternative, a range of 20 to 70 wild horses will be managed, depending on the condition of the vegetation and the weather. The wild horses will be managed in an area of 54,866 acres, which is larger than the 23,879 acre Territory that was designated in 1982.

This is your notice of the 30-day pre-decisional comment period. You are receiving this because you have previously commented on this project or have expressed an interest in such projects in the past.

This is your chance to comment further on the project and to have your comments included in the final decision. These comments will be incorporated into the document before the Decision Notice is signed, after which there will be another published notice and a 45-day Appeal Period. This notification will also be published in the Rio Grande Sun, August 30, 2001.

Public comments will be accepted until October 1, 2001. Comments should be mailed to:

Forest Supervisor
Carson National Forest
USDA Forest Service
208 Cruz Alta Road
Taos, NM 87571

A copy of the Environmental Assessment is enclosed. If you would like more information or a copy of the Appendices to the Environmental Assessment, please call Kurt Winchester or Leo Johnson at (505) 581-4554.

Sincerely,

/s/Martin D. Chavez

Martin D. Chavez
Forest Supervisor, Carson NF



Horseman Keeps Eye on America's 1st Breed

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them, he said.

In the Zuni Mountains near Ramah, about 60 miles southwest of Grants, Baca and his son, Mark, and 5-year-old great-granddaughter, Elexa, travel over a rutted dirt road to a pump house on Mark's ranch to water and feed the horses.

Curious and ebullient as children, the horses break into an excited trot as Mark breaks open an alfalfa bale. They kick and whirl and throw their full manes into the wind.

Joty Baca said he's organizing an 11-mile invitation-only horseback ride on Memorial Day from his son's

ranch to El Morro National Monument off N.M. 53. The Spanish colonizer Don Juan de Oñate left a message of his passing on the massive 200-foot sandstone mesa known as "Inscription Rock." Oñate and his party were riding Spanish Barb horses.

"This is a way of showing people that these horses are the real thing. In a way, they're coming home," Baca said.

Baca said he began raising the horses in about 1955 and has tried to keep their breeding as pure as possible. He noted that once there were thousands of the horses across the Americas.

"The poor things are almost gone, and they're the ones that made this country, and not just this country, but from Alaska to Canada and from one coast to the other," he said. "I want to try and keep this breed alive."

The horses have certain physical contours that set them apart, he said.

"You see that mare right there. That's what they should look like," he said, pointing out the horse's lean head, full deep neck, long sloping shoulders, strong back, long legs and more upright hooves than other breeds.

Baca said he keeps most of his

herd in the wild countryside in Ramah, but has some at his home and at a daughter's home in Adelino.

"These horses don't need things like barns or blankets," Baca said, adding that one of his horses survived a mauling by a mountain lion and later became one of the best roping horses in Cibola County.

"All I want is for my children and my grandchildren and great-grandchildren to see these animals that helped make this great country."

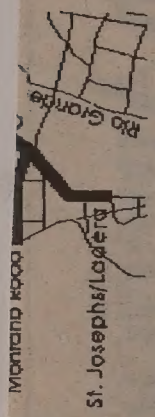

Anyone wishing to join the association can call Baca at 864-7985, or his daughter, Dorothy Koenig, at 864-7870.

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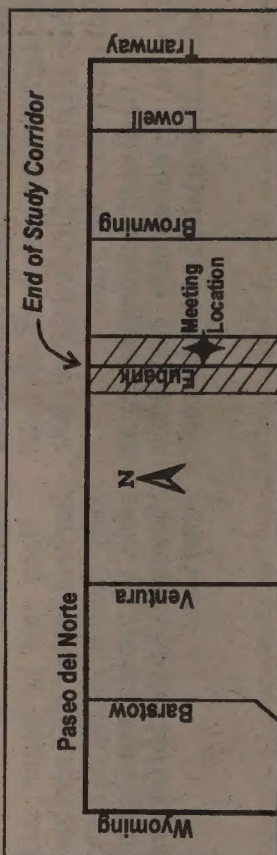


twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting by calling Roger Martinez at 768-3521 or TTY/TTD 768-2477. For more information about the project, please call Scott Stapp with Wilson & Company at 348-4188 or Roger Martinez with the City of Albuquerque at 768-3621.

***** Public Hearing Announcement *****

and Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment
for Proposed Improvements to Eubank Boulevard
between Academy Road and Paseo del Norte, Bernalillo County, New Mexico

The County of Bernalillo, in association with the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department (NMSHTD) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has prepared an environmental assessment and will hold a public hearing for a project involving proposed improvements to a 1.4 mile long segment of Eubank Boulevard located between Academy Road and Paseo del Norte in Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Improvements proposed for this project involve widening the existing two-lane roadway to four lanes, providing frontage roads in some areas, drainage improvements, bicycle



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Horseman Keeps an Eye on America's 1st Breed



FRANK EYERS/FOR THE JOURNAL

LONGTIME BREEDER: Joty Baca has been breeding Spanish Barb horses since the 1950s.

■ *Adelino rancher is proud of his role in preserving the Spanish Barb brought by the conquistadors in the 1600s*

BY ARLEY SANCHEZ
Journal Staff Writer

Doroteo "Joty" Baca leaned close to the head of one of his Spanish Barb horses and whispered in Spanish, "Dame un beso," or give me a kiss.

The horse rubbed noses with Baca. But don't call Baca a horse whisperer. And though he's dressed in a brown leather cowboy hat, new cowboy shirt and boots, he's not a cowboy.

"I don't claim to be a horse whisperer, and don't call me a cowboy either.

"There aren't any real cowboys left," he said. "If you have to call me something, call me a horseman, or a horse rancher."

The 71-year-old Adelino man owns a 23-horse herd that belongs to the oldest breed in America: Spanish Barb horses brought to New Mexico and the rest of the Americas by the conquistadors in the 1600s.

He's been breeding the horses since the 1950s and has formed an association called "Los Conquistadores." The association's mission is to work for the survival of the horses that form the foundation stock of most breeds in the Americas.

Developed over thousands of years and known as Barb or Barbary in Spain, the Spanish war horse was introduced to America as a horse of conquest. The Barb, the best mountain horse in the world, was bred with the Arabian, the best desert horse.

The result was a horse small enough to travel in Spanish galleons, but tough, fast and agile enough to survive the harshest of

winters and attacks by lions and other predators.

Known for their great stamina, the horses were used by western settlers on long cattle drives, and Native Americans used them to hunt buffalo. The Pony Express used them to run the mail. And though they will repel a pack of coyotes or wolves, they're also gentle enough for a child to ride.

In 400 years, however, the horse has undergone cross breeding, pushing the breed to the point of extinction. Now associations like Baca's throughout the West are trying to keep the breed as pure as when the Spaniards first brought

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EDITORIALS

Court Should Stop Government Infighting

They must be chuckling in the boardrooms of General Electric, ACF Industries, Chevron, Texaco, Phillips Petroleum, Diamond Shamrock, the Departments of Energy and Defense, and the U.S. Air Force. A lawsuit filed against them and more than 100 others seeking damages for environmental pollution in Albuquerque's South Valley is bogged down in an escalating legal conflict between New Mexico's natural resources trustee and the New Mexico



FUN AND GAMES

Quad prep

Training clinic for the Mount Taylor Winter Quadrathlon is Saturday, 10 a.m., at Northwest New Mexico Visitor Center, 1900 E. Santa Fe Ave., Grants.

Dancing days

The Jewish Community Center hosts modern dance classes on Thursdays, starting today and lasting through March 8 at 7:30 p.m. Call: 332-0565.

Tour the Bosque



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Tours of the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge are conducted by naturalists every Saturday, 9 a.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. Meet at Bosque del Apache Visitors Center. Cost is free, and registration is required. Contact: Daniel Perry, 835-1828.

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Outdoors & Recreation

FISHING LINE:

Cold water at Conchas yields two nice bass. White bass, walleye and crappie hit at Sumner.

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rough riders

Albuquerquean negotiates rugged terrain to win division in Baja 2000



Story by DENNIS LATTA
Of the Journal

Photographs courtesy of
JAY REICHERT

Jay Reichert has an unusual sense of fun. His idea of a pleasant drive is to jump into an off-road truck and race at speeds as high as 107 miles per hour over some of the toughest terrain on the planet for more than 18 hours.

Reichert, a used-car manager at Rich Ford, won his division in the Baja 2000 Nov. 12-14.

It is normally the Baja 1000, but to celebrate the millennium, the distance was doubled. That just doubled Reichert's fun.

"It's like the Indy 500 for off-road racing," Reichert explains. "There were 260 to 270 entries and we finished 13th overall."

Reichert and his teammates rumbled over the 1,726-mile course through the Mexican desert in 40 hours, 33 minutes. He finished an impressive 5½ hours ahead of his nearest competitor in the Pro Truck class.

"We averaged 41 miles an hour," Reichert says. "Our top speed was 107. We ran through a 30-foot deep wash full of soft sand for 50 miles."

But not every mile of the race was off-road, Reichert points out. "We went right through the middle of La Paz and we raced through the regular traffic," he says.

Reichert's ride was a modified Ford truck with a 351-cubic-inch engine. It was built for durability — and, of course, speed.

"It puts out about 450 horsepower. It can get from zero to 100 as fast as a Corvette," Reichert explains.

But this truck is a little more loaded than a Corvette. "We have a full GPS (global positioning system). We ran the course ahead of the race and mapped it all out. We could look at the screen and see what was coming up, the next turn."

Off-road racing is not a casual sport. Reichert's team had three drivers and



DUST IN THE WIND: Driving the modified Ford truck pictured in action above and in repose at right, Jay Reichert, a used-car manager at Rich Ford, won his division in the Baja 2000. He and his teammates covered the 1,726-mile course through the Mexican desert in 40 hours, 33 minutes — an impressive 5½ hours ahead of his nearest competitor in the Pro Truck class.



CAROL COOPERRIDER / JOURNAL

Horses reward hikers

■ Glimpse of wild mustangs the mane event in isolated area

The movement on the rocky hillside across the canyon was slight, but the hiker saw it. She pointed her field glasses at the site and said "Oh wow, mustangs!"

About a dozen wild horses moved in and out of a small stand of juniper trees. Suddenly we heard a sound of galloping hooves and a hearty whinny as the herd stallion, a brown and white pinto, came into sight. He was checking our group out.

We had gone to the Stallion Wilderness Study Area to determine whether it was a good place to hike in the future. Our leader, Will Anderson, was a volunteer for the Bureau of Land Management who patrols WSAs for the Socorro Office of the Bureau of Land Management. He had seen this area and the wild horses, and thought it would be a good place to hike.

To access the Stallion WSA take the Escondida exit from Interstate 25 just north of Socorro and proceed north on the paved highway to the Escondida Lake turnoff.

Turn east and go to the village of Pueblito, nearly a half mile from the Rio Grande bridge. A sharp left turn will take you to Johnson Hill Road, on which you proceed north for 17.3 miles (always staying on the best road) until you reach a fork where there are signs marking the WSA. Take the right-hand fork. You will pass an arroyo crossing after about ¾ mile. Keep going, covering about 5 more miles, until you reach another fork in the road. This is where our group parked.

We hiked up the road fork that is the southern boundary of the Stallion WSA, following the boundary road for about a mile, then went directly north into the wilderness. From here, the hiking was all off-trail. It is a good idea to use a GPS to mark your car location and waypoints, because this is confusing country with canyons leading in several directions.

We had walked about a mile and a half when we spotted the mustangs. We then followed a ridge to an abandoned military radio site that offers an excellent view of the Rio Grande Valley and the north end of the Jornada del

TREKS & TRAILS

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Humans responsible for year's wildest outdoors stories

■ Best of the bunch amuse, amaze and stupify

BY DAVE STREGE

The Orange County Register

SANTA ANA, Calif. — The wacky world of the great outdoors gave us another year of wild stories, some comedic, some tragic.

The judges selected the best of the bunch with the criteria being

items that tickle the funny bone, amuse or amaze. We hope they succeeded.

Here now are the Great Outdoors Awards for 2000:

CALL OF NATURE AWARD: To Allen Baker, who while deer hunting was caught with his pants down by a mountain lion.

Baker of Hanford, Calif., was doing his business in a remote canyon in Siskiyou County in Northern California when he spotted an adult mountain lion

crouched and ready to attack.

"I picked my rifle up and didn't pull my pants up," Baker was quoted in a Scripps-McClatchy Western Service story. "That's when he made his move. It wasn't afraid of me at all."

Baker shot and killed the cougar, then reported it to the Department of Fish and Game since it is illegal to shoot mountain lions in California. The DFG ruled it self-defense.

"If I hadn't been facing it, it would have got me," Baker said.

"It was pretty embarrassing."

HANG TEN AWARD: To the man who was arrested for surfing on the back of a whale off Bondi Beach, Australia.

The Daily Telegraph reported that Marco Sacchi drew a large audience as he rode the whale, waving his arms jubilantly. The whale was pregnant and said to be an endangered species.

"I am sorry," said Sacchi, who was fined \$3,000. "I didn't know."

INVENTIVE TOBOGGANING

AWARD: To the California man who was arrested for stealing a mounted halibut from a Valdez, Alaska, hotel and using the four-foot stuffed fish as a sled. The man was part of a group of intoxicated men who stole the flatfish, Alaska Magazine reported. No word on whether the Winter X Games will adopt the new sport of halibut luge.

ROBIN HOOD AWARD: To actor Kevin Costner, an avid spear-

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Hiking poles give walkers leg up, study finds

Balance improves over rough terrain

By IRA DREYFUSS
The Associated Press

When Christopher Knight was hiking with a pole in each hand, he had the feeling that the poles made the treks easier. When the exercise physiologist got back to the lab, he began to figure out why.

Using poles lets hikers lengthen their strides, put less strain on their knees, and generally feel more comfortable, his study found.

The project tested 10 backpack-wearing volunteers who walked a treadmill in hourlong stints, and "they all favored the poles," said Knight, of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

The study may underestimate the value of the lightweight adjustable staffs because lab conditions could only approximate the rough and rocky conditions of a trail, said Knight and other experts.

In the study, five men and five women, all of whom had taken more than two trips a year with a full-sized pack, walked treadmills set to a 5 percent upward tilt. They carried packs loaded to 30 percent of their body weight. In one walk, they used poles; in the other, they didn't.

Knight tried to get the test close to real-world conditions, he said. The 5 percent grade was "a

On the Net

Pole information page created by Peter Clinch, Department of Medical Physics, Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee, Scotland: www.personal.dundee.ac.uk/~piclinch/pole.htmKnees

sustained incline that might be an approach to a mountain," Knight said. The heart rate of 55 to 65 percent of maximal was what one might find on a hike, he said. Similarly, a hiker might expect to backpack a load of as much as 30 percent of body mass.

Results were published in the American College of Sports Medicine journal, Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise.

Using the poles did make a difference, although not a big one, the study found. People took slightly longer strides, their knees bent slightly less, and their ratings of the strain of the treadmill walks were a bit lower when they had hiking poles.

The poles did not save energy — the subjects' average metabolic rate was about the same with the poles or without. But Knight, who found poles useful in such Northeast spots as Mount Washington in New Hampshire, thinks his lab work missed energy savings that would have shown up

in the wild.

For instance, he could not simulate the energy used keeping balanced while scrambling over rocky terrain, Knight said. By helping hikers to stay balanced, poles should conserve the energy that hikers need to keep going, he said.

Poles seem to be especially valuable as balance-preservers on long, wearying trips, said researcher Frank Powell of Furman University in Greenville, S.C., who was not involved in the study.

"My experience taught me there are some real benefits in what we'd say is rough terrain," said Powell, who has hiked segments of the Appalachian Trail in the East and the John Muir trail in the Sierra Nevadas of the West.

In a sense, healthy hikers using poles are learning something that people with arthritis have always known, said Dr. Robert P. Nirschl, an orthopedic surgeon in Arlington, Va. "It's the same concept as the cane," he said.

It comes down to biomechanics. When people walk, they swing one foot forward while moving the arm on the opposite side forward. The weight, however, is on the foot. A cane or hiking pole unloads weight from the foot to the opposite-side arm, redistributing part of the load, he said.



SUPPORT STICKS: According to a recent study, using poles lets hikers lengthen their strides, put less strain on their knees, and generally feel more comfortable. Hiking poles seem to be especially valuable as balance-preservers on long, wearying trips, said one researcher.

KITTY CLARK FRITZ/JOURNAL

FOR THE BIRDS

National Wildlife Refuges in New Mexico have reported the latest counts of migrating species:

BOSQUE DEL APACHE: Light geese, 20,800; Canada geese, 300; sandhill cranes, 10,450; whooping cranes, 1; sandhill-whooping crane hybrids, none; ducks, 39,293; bald and golden eagles, 92.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, including Bosque del Apache: Light geese, 40,200; sandhill cranes, 18,570; whooping cranes, 1.

LAS VEGAS: Light geese, 700; Canada geese, 1,800; sandhill cranes, 25; ducks, 1,200; bald eagles, 12.

BITTER LAKE: Light geese, 10,000; Canada geese, 681; sandhill cranes, 2,197; ducks, 4,904; white pelicans, 10; tundra swans, 1.

MAXWELL: No new count. Last week's count follows: Light geese, 270; Canada geese, 1,300; sandhill cranes, 330; ducks, 2,100; bald eagles, 15.

RECREATION CALENDAR

BASEBALL

District 8 Little League: Registration for 2001 season, Jan. 20 and Jan. 27. Contact: Jim Kalas, 294-6561.

BASKETBALL

Las Cruces Parks and Recreation: Registration for weekend league. Games begin Friday and are played Friday and Saturday nights at the Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1610 E. Hadley. Cost is \$10 per player (maximum 8 players per team). Contact: Patrick Reid, 626-7693 or 541-2563.

Las Cruces Parks and Recreation: Volunteer coaches wanted to coach third- and fourth- or fifth- and sixth-grade teams. Season begins Feb. 1. Contact: Parks and Recreation Department, 899-8900.

Sandia High Girls Basketball: Clinic and league, Saturday, 10 a.m., at Sandia High gym. Cost is \$30. Contact: Mark Daniels, 294-1511 or 828-0843.

Basketball Tournament: For ages 35-and-over, Friday-Sunday at the Shiprock A-Gym. Contact: Hoss, (505) 368-5559 after 5 p.m.

Jewish Community Center: Adult basketball league for ages 18 and up. Games will be played Tuesdays through Feb. 13. Cost is \$35 for JCC members and \$50 for non-members.

CYCLING

New Mexico Touring Society: Regular Rides: Sunday-morning ride along the Rio meets at 9 a.m. at the Alameda parking lot on the Bosque Trail. Contact: Mary Ann, 247-4866. ... Monday evening rides have been changed to Tuesday evening rides. Ride starts at the UNM observatory at 5:30 p.m. Contact: Nanette, 266-9590. ... Tuesday and Thursday rides start at the Double Rainbow cafe on Juan Tabo at 9 a.m. Contact: Art, 856-7037. ... Wednesday evening ride starts at 5:30 p.m. Contact: Mark, 292-6347, Nanette, 266-9590. ... Thursday night mountain bike ride meets at 6 p.m. at various locations. Contact: Becky, 898-0317. ... Tandem rides take place alternating Fridays (singles welcome). Contact: Eric, 281-1289.... Bicycling Saturday, 9 a.m., at Smith's Grocery at Montgomery and Tramway. Free of cost. Contact: Dorothy, 332-0824.... Monthly meeting with presentation on biking and hiking in France and Italy, Monday, 8:30 p.m., at Furr's Cafeteria, 5001 Montgomery NE. Contact: Henry Lawrence, 266-8000.

FOOTBALL

New Mexico Football League: Full-contact league holding combines/tryouts. Combines on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Enchanted Hills Middle School. Registration fee is \$100. Contact: NMFL, (505) 994-4090.

GOLF

Professional Women's Golf Club: Hosting First Annual Wine Dinner and Fund-Raiser for the Children's Miracle Network at the Albuquerque Hilton on Jan. 18 at 5:30

Go online

The Recreation Calender is a public service of the Albuquerque Journal.

If you have an announcement you would like to place in the Recreation Calendar, you can submit it via an easy-to-use Web form at www.abqjournal.com/go/reccal.htm.

Submissions can also be mailed (Journal Sports, Attention: Recreation Calendar, P.O. Drawer J, Albuquerque, 87103) or hand-delivered (7777 Jefferson NE), to the Journal, but they must arrive **no later than 4 p.m. Monday** for publication in Thursday's calendar.

Announcements for upcoming events will be published in the weekly calendar **two times only**, with the first appearance on the Thursday following their arrival. The Journal will not publish "standing" announcements.

Only announcements from **nonprofit organizations** or **private businesses sponsoring a charitable event** will be published.

MARTIAL ARTS

Albuquerque Judokai Club: Beginning and advanced classes for men, women and children in Kodokan Judo, Godoryu Aikido, Shoshin-Ryu Jujitsu and Children's First Jujitsu. Judo and Aikido classes classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Children's first jujitsu classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Shoshin-Ryu Jujitsu classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings. All classes are held at 1720-G Juan Tabo. Call: 293-5836.

Westside Family YMCA: Youth Martial Arts Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays. Times and sessions vary. Classes are held at Painted Sky Elementary, 8101 Gavin. Pre-registration is required. Call: 899-8417. ... Aikido for children classes are held Wednesdays, 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. Cost is \$30 a month and participants must be YMCA members. Call: 899-8417. ... Aikido for teens and adults classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., and every other Friday, 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 per month for adults and \$35 per month for teens. Participants must by YMCA members. Call: 899-8417.

MISCELLANY

Jewish Community Center: Group exercise classes. Contact: Cathleen McClure, 332-0565 ext. 4471. ... Adult badminton league for ages 18-up, Mondays, starting Feb. 5 and ending March 12.... Free style jazz dance classes for ages 8-13, starting this Friday through March 9. Cost is \$80 for JCC members, \$100 for nonmembers. Contact: Sasha Oster, 332-0565. ... Barefoot aerobic workouts to improve cardio fitness and increase muscle strength, today through March 8, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$90 for JCC members. Call: 332-0565. ... Feldenkrais Method classes, today through March 8, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$90 for JCC members.... Modern dance classes, today through March 8, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$60 for JCC members.... Tai-Chi classes Wednesdays through March 7,

10:30-11:20 a.m. Free to JCC members. Contact: Cathy, 332-0565 ext. 4471.

Westside Family YMCA: Itty Bitty Sports Program begins Saturday. Registration is going on now until rosters fill up. Program is held at Painted Sky Elementary, 8101 Gavin. Cost is \$42 for basic members and \$32 for full-privilege members. Call: 899-8417. ... Pre-school gymnastics Mondays and Fridays. Cost is \$20. Also, advanced level (3-5-year-olds) classes Wednesdays at \$24 per child. Contact: Yvette Bell, 899-8417. ... Youth Martial Arts classes Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Registration at Westside Family YMCA (4701 Montano and Taylor Ranch Road). Cost is \$45 monthly. Contact: Yvette Bell, 899-8417.

Mountainside YMCA: Preschool ballet classes begin Jan. 17. Cost is \$27 for full privilege, \$35 for basic members. Pee-wee basketball classes begin Jan. 20 at Hoover Mid School Mini Gym. Cost is \$32 full privilege, \$42 basic members. Contact: Steve Lane, 292-2298.

San Juan County Jr./Sr. Rodeo Association: Winter Buckle Series is Jan. 28, Feb. 17, Feb. 24 and March 10. Open to all competitors aged 3 to 19. Contact: Melanie Stout, 344-8209.

Spaceport Model Rocket Association: Rocket launch, Jan. 20, 9 a.m., at American Legion Post 34's Veterans Memorial Park. Contact: Bob Turner, 437-2840.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary: Spring 2001 classes begin Feb. 13 and run for two hours each Tuesday evening for 13 weeks. Cost is \$20 for books and instructional material. Contact: Will Cotton, (505) 293-6722.

El Rancho de las Golondrinas: Multimedia program on the Santa Fe Trail in Popular Culture, Jan. 25, 7 p.m., at Santuario de Guadalupe, Agua Fria and Guadalupe. Presented by Mark L. Gardner and free to public. Call: (505) 471-2261.

OUTDOORS

Rio Grande Nature Center: Winter Bird and Bat Festival is Jan. 20-21. Guided bird and nature walks, live bat and raptor displays and presentations by Wildlife Rescue are all part of the program. Also, field trip to Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge is Jan. 21. Cost is \$15 per person. Contact: 344-7240. ... Saturday morning bird

HIGH COUNTRY SKI REPORT

SKIERS' FORECAST

Today
Partly cloudy and warmer. Highs in the 30s, lows 5-19. Tonight, increasing clouds, with lows 5 to 20. No precipitation.

This weekend
Good chance for snow Friday. Highs 30s to lower 40s. Saturday, a chance of snow in the morning diminishing in the afternoon. Lows teens and 20s. Highs upper 20s to near 40. Sunday, partly cloudy with a slight chance for snow showers. Lows 5 to 20. Highs 30s to lower 40s.

CONDITIONS

Angel Fire	25-27 inches; 5 lifts open	Sipapu	18-24 inches of packed powder
Chama	32 inches; 1 inch new	Ski Apache	35 inches; all 11 lifts open
Cloudcroft	No report	Ski Santa Fe	50 inches; entire mountain open
Enchanted Forest	2-12 inches; 23K of trails open	Ski Rio	Resort closed for 2000-01 season
Mount Taylor	No report	Taos	41 inches; 90 percent open
Pajarito	18-28 inches; open Friday-Sunday	Telluride	30-33 inches; trace of new snow
Durango	35 inches; 3 inches new	Wolf Creek	55-68 inches; 4 inches new
Red River	24-30 inches; 75 percent open		
Sandia Peak	No report		

Forecast from The Associated Press; conditions supplied by Ski New Mexico, ski areas; daily updates available at www.abqjournal.com/go.

walks and nature walks led by volunteer naturalists. This Saturday, 9 a.m. for bird walk and 10 a.m. for nature walk, at the Rio Grande Nature Center, 2901 Candelaria NW. Also, nature walk Sunday, 1 p.m. Contact: Rebecca Tydings, 344-7240. ... Star party hosted by members of the Albuquerque Astronomical Society, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. Free. ... Free workshop for educators using the Bosque Education Guide, Jan. 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Bosque School, 4000 Learning Road NW. Curriculum, manual, and materials provided.

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge: Refuge Tours conducted by naturalists every Saturday, 9 a.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m., Bosque del Apache Visitors Center. Cost is free, and registration is required. Contact: Daniel Perry, 835-1828.

High Desert Ski and Social Club: Ski Purgatory is Friday-Sunday. Trip includes transportation, lodging and two-day lift tickets. Cost is \$200 per person. Contact: Al, 293-6540.

Jimmie Heuga's Snow Express for MS: Competition at Ski Santa Fe, Feb. 22-23. Minimum entry fee per team is \$1,000 (three skiers/snowboarders per team). Winning teams receive all-expenses paid trip to Vail International Finals in April. Call: (888) DO-IT-4-MS.

New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club: General meeting is Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m., at Albuquerque Garden Club Center, 10120 Lomas NE. Contact: Marilyn, 792-3830.

Hawks Aloft: Hosting program by Dave Henderson, Executive Director of New Mexico Audubon, Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Sandia Prep, 532 Osuna NE. Program is free and open to public. Contact: Gail Garber, 828-9455.

Cibola Search and Rescue: Meetings are second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at St. Chad's Church, 7171 Tennyson NE. Contact: David Dixon, 299-3195 or



281-0750.
First Annual Sandia Mountains Shoe: Four-mile snowshoe race in the Sandias is Feb. 3 at 9 a.m. Meet at Sandia Crest parking lot. Cost is \$25 (\$30 after Monday). Contact: Jeff Young, 281-3495.

Eighth Annual Santa Fe Snowshoe Classic: Jan. 28, 10 a.m., on Borrego Trail. Contact: Craig, 260-4714.

Mount Taylor Winter Quadrathlon: Training clinic and question/answer session is Saturday, 10 a.m., at Northwest New Mexico Visitor Center, 1900 E. Santa Fe Ave., Grants.

Albuquerque Wildlife Federation: Presentation of State Land Commissioner's legislative initiative is today, 7 p.m., at Bear Canyon Senior Citizen's Center, 4645 Pitt NE. Contact: Chris Chadwick, 841-8881.

RUNNING/WALKING

Corrida de Los Locos Race: Set for Jan. 20 at Las Campanas Clubhouse. Starts at 9 a.m. Fee is \$12 in advance and \$15 on race day. Course depends on weather. Directions to Las Campanas Clubhouse included on entry forms at local sporting goods stores. Contacts: John Pollak, 983-2144; Dale Goering, 954-4384.

Socorro Striders and Riders: 15K run and 3-by-5K relay, NM USATF State Championship, on Feb. 3 at 9 a.m., at Bosque del Apache Wildlife Refuge. Cost is \$20 prior to Jan. 27 and \$25 after. Contact: Cathy Pearce, (505) 835-2507.... Socorro Springs Brewing Co. winter 20K time trial series, Jan. 27, in San Antonio, N.M., I-25 and Exit 124. Cost is \$11 ACA members and \$13 nonmembers. Contact: Cathy Pearce, (505) 835-2507.

Mesilla Valley Track Club: Dearholt Desert Trail Runs/Fitness Walk, Saturday, 9:30 and 10 a.m., in Las Cruces. All ages, 7.2, 3.4, and 1-

mile. Contact: Don Shepan, (505) 524-7824.... Superbowl Sunday 5K, 10K Run/Fitness Walk, Jan. 28 in Las Cruces. Contact: (505) 527-5167.

SOCCER

Players Wanted: Duke City, U-11 girls. Contact: David Disko, 842-5310. ... R.V. Firecatz, U-11 girls. Contact: Mike or Jacob, 296-3962 or 897-9660. ... Rio Vista FC Warriors, U-13 boys. Contact: Ernie Cano, 856-1673. ... Duke City Classic Cougars, U-11 boys in need of field player and goalkeeper. Contact: Randy Menk, 286-4264. ... Thunderstrike, U-11 boys. Contact: Mark Mulroy, 899-4189. ... Classic F.C. Diablos, U-12 boys. Contact: Jerry Trujillo, 822-1661. ... DCSL Classic Rhinos, U-12 girls for spring season. Contact: Jose Simbana, 242-9799. ... Rio Vista Fusion, U-12 girls. Contact: Dan Kuhn, 268-1575. ... Rio Vista Warriors, U-13 boys. Contact: Ernie Cano, 856-1673. ... Classic F.C. Flame, U-15 girls. Contact: Gerry Garner, 293-0677. ... Rio Vista Panthers looking for field player, U-15 boys. Contact: John, 889-0248. ... TR Sidekicks, U-15 boys. Contact: Paul, 899-2969.


Jewish Community Center: Adult coed indoor soccer league for ages 18-up will run to Feb. 15. Cost is \$35 for JCC members and \$50 for nonmembers.

Zia Soccer Club: Southwest Zia Cup Tournament, June 2-3, at N.M. Tournament Complex. Cost is \$250-\$295 per team, deadline is May 1. Contact: Paul Stoudenmire, (505) 858-0174.

VOLLEYBALL

Jewish Community Center: Adult coed volleyball league with matches Sundays, lasting until Feb. 11. Call: 332-0565.

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN



Dear Abby

Favored son gets rings and daughter gets hurt

DEAR ABBY: About four years ago, my dad bought my mother a beautiful set of diamond rings to upgrade the set he had given her many years ago when they first married. My mother gave her smaller rings to my brother, who then proposed to his girlfriend and later married her. I thought it was very nice of my mother, and I was happy for my brother.

Last month, my father died. While my brother and I were staying at her house, my mother gave my brother her new set of diamond rings and told him to give them to his wife.

My brother and I have often joked about how he is her favorite child. (For instance, one year my folks gave him a camcorder and I got a dozen pairs of stockings.) There is nothing in our history that would warrant this favoritism. We both were always responsible, hard-working children and adults.

I am extremely hurt and do not know how to get past the pain. Have you any suggestions? — DESPERATELY NEEDS ADVICE, NEW ORLEANS

DEAR NEEDS ADVICE: Yes. Tell your mother exactly how you feel and why. Allowing this to fester will only make it worse. It does appear that your brother is the favored child — and it is not a joking matter. The answer you receive may not be to your liking, but it's better than not knowing. In fact, the truth may set you free.

P.S. Under the circumstances, I commend you for having such a good relationship with your brother.

DEAR ABBY: My best girlfriend recently informed me that her son and his girlfriend are engaged. They plan to be married in six weeks. Apparently, her future daughter-in-law is expecting in March. She told me that the wedding will be for immediate family members only — parents, grandparents and godparents.

They have already made arrangements to have a big wedding one year from the date of their marriage. I am unsure if I should send a wedding gift now (which would be a check), or wait until the "big" wedding. I would like to do something. What would you suggest?

We sent the couple an engagement gift as soon as we heard the news. I would really appreciate your input, Abby. — UNSURE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR UNSURE: Since you have already given the young couple an engagement gift and you are not attending the "small" wedding, wait until you are invited to the "big" celebration before giving them anything more than your heartfelt good wishes.

P.S. Offering to host a baby shower would be a caring and supportive gesture.

Abby shares her favorite recipes in a two-booklet set. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$7.90 per set to: Dear Abby Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Sell temporarily

5 Youngster

8 Alkali

12 Big name in scat

13 Idolater's emotion

14 Singer Braxton

15 Hebrew month

16 "To Kill a Mockingbird" author

17 The Tentmaker

18 Comment

20 Second

22 Bill

23 Clothes protector

24 Appointment

27 Quit, a la Edward VIII

32 Down Under bird

33 Either of two N.T. bks.

34 Intimidate

35 Slight rain

38 Terrier type

39 Cagers' org.

40 Service-woman

42 West-minster et al.

45 Sports jacket

49 Mad king of literature

50 Harlem room

52 Latvia's capital

53 "I conquered"

54 Elmer, to Bugs

55 Covering

56 "Puppy Love" singer

57 Send out invitations

58 Tackles' team-mates

DOWN

1 Learn about

2 Shoppe description

3 Retacent one

4 Martial art

5 Sass

6 Fall into arrears

7 Abound

8 Nuclear

9 Retort

10 — instant

11 Grunge singer

19 Sun god

21 Kimono closer

43 1960s hippie gathering

44 Pop

46 Utah national park

47 Archaic expletive

48 Charlie Brown's expletive

51 Two, in Tijuana

Solution time: 28 mins.

M I R A P F I C A B E T

T R I S O O H P U L E

C A S H M E R I E A C M E

A N K L E R E C K I O N

E T A L A I E S

L A D Y W A D S H I P

I D O M O N E Y O V I A

E O U O L D S S T Y X

G P O S K I P

A S H O R E D I A N A

C O B S B R E A D B O X

C L O T B O A E L S E

T O Y S S E T R E E L

Yesterday's answer 1-11

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14

15 16 17

18 19 20 21

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24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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39 40 41

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JOYCE JILLSON'S HOROSCOPE

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 11): Power and influence are strong in the next three weeks; work on your physical body, perhaps giving up a vice, or changing your eating pattern. In February, family and friend relations will enrich your life in unforeseen ways. May is a marriage month for many — others will make strong commitments in business. Try Libras and Leos for good romantic fortune. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 36, 26, 47 and 39.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Winning conversations improve your financial status; focus on your communication skills. Smooth out tensions between co-workers even if you have nothing to do with the problem; your boss is looking for a good diplomat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There are far-reaching benefits from getting acquainted with neighbors. Do what it takes to bring everyone together for a common cause. Don't be hypercritical of your own original work. Artistic integrity is more important than perfection.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Luck flows into your life just as soon as you let go of painful memories. Challenge a vague statement; make it clear for others. Resolve matters that have been hanging around. Education will help you move up on the job.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): A social life aids every other aspect of your personal growth. Expect confusion when traveling. Ordinary solutions don't work, be innovative whenever possible. If you are open to compromise, you may not have to make one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Family and children are on your mind. You are willing to make personal sacrifices in order to teach or guide someone else. You thrive on teamwork now, and can accomplish more by using the strength of numbers. Don't hide behind them though!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Goals are never far from your mind and heart. The work you are proud of is taken to an even higher level when you make minor changes. Watch your words; negativity is not soon forgotten. Keep a positive attitude with everything you handle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Your physical energy is high. Answers to a career puzzle come to you, and you move up the ladder of success. Projects you've kept hidden need to see the light of day. Trust your instincts, and do not falter. Strive for your ultimate best!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Students catch up on long overdue assignments. Scholarships become available, apply for them because you don't know who will give you a chance of a lifetime. Leave early for appointments, so you appear relaxed and confident.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your love is put to the test — and it passes with flying colors. Swallowed pride will clear up misunderstandings. Someone from a different culture impacts your thinking. Home buyers find an ideal property. Buy it before it's gone!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A paycheck or loan is finally approved. Brainstorm for ways to keep the office tension at a minimum. Put a child's needs before your own this afternoon. Money is not necessary to ignite romance. Use your unique individuality.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Time away from your partner allows you to think. Your financial strategy will work with some tweaking; leave a margin for error in the plan. Friends are full of wild ideas. Don't borrow money; you don't want to take on another debt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A break from the daily grind helps you sort out plans and priorities. A more personal relationship with a co-worker is good for business. You become increasingly powerful as you act according to the rules you've given yourself.

CRYPTOQUIP

K R T R Z O D H B C R H
Z C C L M J H L X K Q O F
E O Q D O L R B T R H K B B O F K X H O M J
E O O M X M K H H M O E O K Q H.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CLEARLY, THE SAD-FACED DENTIST HAD ONE REALLY HARD DAY AT THE ORIFICE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals M

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.
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WORD SLEUTH

● BASEBALL JOB TITLES
P L J G E B Y W U R P N K I G
D B R E N O I S S I M M O C Z
X V S Q O U M K H I A I G A E
C A R E T T I H H C N I P T Y
W U S Q P F R N H F A L J C H
R E H C T I P A I D G O F H Y
E O C A R E V E I L E R C E O
Y X W V U L L S Q N R H P R B
N M K N J D H F M G E H T E T
C B Z Y E E R I P M U R X V A
U T R R Q R E C N U O N N A B


Wednesday's unlisted clue: TAILGATE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Thursday's unlisted clue hint: RETRIEVES THE LUMBER

Announcer	Infielder	Pinch hitter	The GM
Catcher	Manager	Pitcher	Trainer
Coach	Outfielder	Reliever	Umpire
Commissioner	Owner	The DH	

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GASOLINE ALLEY



This is terrible, Phyllis! Our downspout broke and Joe Pye got hurt!

He keeps mumbling something about suing us!

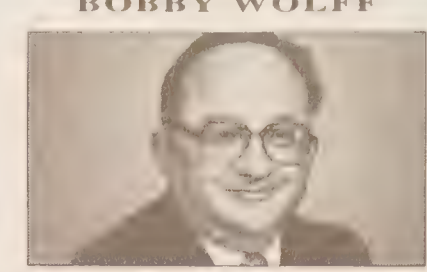
If Papa could only rest here awhile he might realign his thoughts on th' subject!

BRIDGE

NORTH
♠ K J 10
♥ 8 6 5
♦ 7 2
♣ A Q 10 9 6

1-11-A

BOBBY WOLFF



Aces on Bridge

WEST
♠ 9 6 2
♥ K Q 10 9 4
♦ J 10 8
♣ 4 2

EAST
♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ 7 3
♦ K Q 9 5 3
♣ K 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 5
♥ A J 2
♦ A 6 4
♣ J 8 7 5

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart king

"When men are ruled by fear, they strive to prevent the very changes that will abate it."
— Alan Paton

Today's deal, played at teams, exemplifies misplaced fear at the bridge table. One declarer parried the threat of West's heart suit; the other saw no danger in that suit. Instead, he took evasive action to avert a crippling shift to diamonds.

At the first table, South refused to win West's heart king, keeping control of the heart suit (Bath Coup). Unfortunately, when West saw East's trey and South's deuce, he suspected that South was waiting with the A-J. (With J-3 doubleton, East should unblock the jack.) Accordingly, West shifted to the diamond jack. South held off for two rounds, but it didn't help. After diamonds were cleared and the club finesse lost, South went down two tricks.

In the replay Ira Chorush, of Houston, recognized there was little to fear in hearts — the real threat was in diamonds. How did he escape the shift?

Instead of playing his heart deuce at trick one, Chorush dropped a deceptive jack! Reasonably, West believed East had 7-3-2 in hearts (Foster Echo), and South the A-J doubleton. West then led another heart to South's ace, eliminating the threat in both suits. Chorush won his heart ace and took a club finesse with safety. It lost to East's king, but Chorush was guaranteed his nine winners.

Note that Chorush's deceptive move could cost nothing and could only gain. Even if East had held a third heart, the most the defense could win was three hearts and one club.

BID WITH THE ACES
1-11-B

South holds:
♠ 8 7 4 3
♥ 7 3
♦ K Q 9 5 3
♣ K 3


North South
1 ♥ ?

ANSWER: One spade. South is not strong enough to respond at the two-level, and knows it is dangerous to bypass a four-card major in favor of bidding one no-trump.

Send bridge questions to The Aces, P.O. Box 26236, Sunrise, Florida 33320, with SASE for reply.
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Why your kid's school is afraid to answer the phone

Parenting



JOHN ROSEMOND
Syndicated Columnist

A teacher somewhere in America sent me a message one of her colleagues proposed for the new phone system being installed in their high school. She writes, "It's a joke, of course, but it speaks volumes about the problems plaguing education today." Based on my experience and numerous conversations with educators around the country, I've added a few options of my own. If the shoe fits, wear it!

Hello! You have reached the automated answering service of (name of school). To properly connect your call, please listen to all of the following options before making a selection:

To lie about why your child is absent, press 1.

To tell us that your child was too tired to come to school today because of his soccer game last night, press 2.

To make lame excuses for why your child did not do his or her work, press 3.

To complain that a teacher is not treating your child fairly, press 4.

To complain that a teacher is having a personality conflict with your child, press 5.

To complain that you did not understand your child's homework assignment, press 6.

To complain that a teacher is not teaching to your child's learning style, press 7.

To demand that a grade be changed, for the better, of course, press 8.

To inform us that your child has never told a lie or done anything wrong in his or her life, press 9.

To leave a threatening message for a teacher, press 10.

To ask why you have not received messages that we sent home with your child, press 11.

To threaten us with a lawsuit, press 12.

To demand that your child be admitted to the gifted-and-talented program, press 13.

To request that we take over raising your child, press 14.

If you want to reach out and slap someone on staff, press 15.

To request another teacher for your child, press 16.

To demand that your child be reinstated on the football team despite bad grades and/or atrocious behavior because being kicked off the team ruins his chances for a football scholarship, press 17.

To complain that the bus driver has it in for your child, press 18.

To complain that school lunches are either too expensive or that your child doesn't like them, press 19.

To tell us that your child simply must be given a higher grade than he or she earned so that he or she can get into the college of his or her choice, press 20.

If you want to ask us to hold your child completely accountable for his or her work and behavior, HANG UP AND HAVE A NICE DAY!

John Rosemond is a family psychologist. Questions of general interest may be sent to him at Affirmative Parenting, 9247 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, IN 46260, and at his Web site: www.rosemond.com/

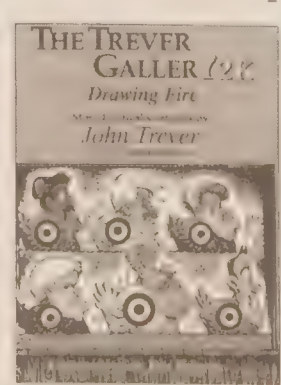
New Mexico appearance

As part of the University of New Mexico's 21st Century Speakers Series, John Rosemond will discuss "Bringing Out the Best in Our Children" at 7:30 p.m. March 9 in Woodward Lecture Hall 101 on the University of New Mexico main campus.

Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$5 for students with ID, and will be available at the door or by credit card from UNM Continuing Education at 277-0077 (use reference number 6007-A). A question-and-answer period and book-signing will follow the lecture, which is sponsored in part by the Albuquerque Journal.

New Toons by Trever

John Trever's newest collection of political cartoons is now available.



For information or to purchase a book, call (505) 823-3500 at the Journal.

JUMBLE


Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FORAV
TOARA
DRUGED
REVOOD

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: A " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EXACT PLUSH CANKER YELLOW
Answer: What the broker offered the panicked investor — A "STOCK" REPLY





COURTESY JAY REICHERT

LONG HAUL: The length of the Baja 2000, normally the Baja 1000, was doubled last November to celebrate the millennium. "It's like the Indy 500 for off-road racing," says driver Jay Reichert, whose team won the Pro Truck class in the Ford truck pictured above.

Albuquerquean negotiates rugged terrain in Baja 2000

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three navigators. "We had eight chase vehicles, including two RVs. We had radios and global satellite phones."

Carter Camp and Chris Boyden of Albuquerque, and Troy Dederick of Newbury Park, Calif., did the navigating. Car owner Scott Steinberger of Los Angeles drove the first leg with newcomer Dane Cardon of Los Angeles driving the middle leg. Reichert drove the last 725 miles, which took more than 18 hours without a break.

"I think I had about two bites out of a peanut butter and jelly

sandwich during that 18 hours," he says.

Reichert is a veteran off-road racer. He started by driving buggies in 1993. Now he's near the top of the heap.

"That was the best I had run all year. We lost an engine in the Baja 500. To get ready for this race, we pre-ran the course in three days."

Reichert had good luck with his equipment during the race. That is the most gnarly terrain on earth," he claims. "But our trucks are built to go there."

To be prepared, Reichert's team carried 30 tires, four rear-end differentials, four complete

axles and spares for every part in the suspension.

"It takes three drivers who stay smart. You've got to finish, and you've got to run it at race speed," Reichert explains.

"We only had four flats, which is really good. I hit one ditch so hard that I bent the rim on a wheel so much that it broke the caliper (part of the brakes).

"You listen to noises and memorize them. When you hear something different, you notice it," Reichert says. "If you prepare the truck right, it won't break."

Glimpse of horses rewards hikers

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Muerto.

It was windy and cold, but the sky was clear and the view seemed endless. All of the hikers agreed that this was a place worth exploring again.

◆ DAVID G. JACKSON

The Albuquerque Journal's Treks and Trails are available online at www.abqjournal.com/go/trails.

Stallion WSA

HIGHLIGHTS: An isolated BLM Wilderness Study Area at the far east end of the Quebradas directly

east of Socorro. There is no guarantee that you will see the herd of mustangs, but we did. There are no trails in the area, which is crossed by ridges and deep canyons.

LOCATION: About 17.3 miles on Johnson Hill Road, which stretches north and then east of the village of Pueblitos, just north of the Rio Grande Bridge on Escondida Lake Road. The easiest access is from the I-25 Escondida exit, just north of Socorro.

ROUND-TRIP DISTANCE: Eight to 10 miles, depending on how far you want to walk.

DIFFICULTY: All hiking is exploratory and off-trail, but not really diffi-

cult.

ELEVATION GAIN: About 800 feet — but several steep canyons have to be crossed.

BEST SEASONS: Fall, winter and spring. Be prepared for stormy weather, and it's especially windy in the winter and spring.

HAZARDS: Johnson Hill Road is usually well-maintained, but there are some rough spots, particularly where the road crosses arroyos. There was one bad washout that had to be driven around. High-clearance vehicles are recommended.

MAPS: BLM Surface Management Status, Socorro, New Mexico.

Traveling light keeps getting easier

Outdoor gear shrinks, keeps losing weight

BY TIM NELSON
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The trend these days is definitely toward small. Manufacturers have been coming out with teenier and tinier flashlights, tents and stoves as people look to make room for more and more stuff to haul on adventures. Here are some of the new offerings:

CMG INFINITY TASK LIGHT: LED bulbs are the not-so-hot thing in lighting right now. Since they don't use a heated filament, they last a long time and don't use as much power. Left running, this light lasted for almost two days on a single AA battery.

It's not terrifically bright, but it's enough to find your way out of your tent and back in the middle of the night. Made of machined aluminum and a little over three inches long, it costs about \$18. It comes in white, red, yellow and green.

CMG BONFIRE TENT LIGHT: This is another LED light: a tent lantern. It uses three light-emitting diodes, rather than the single diode in the Infinity. They're under a translucent cap on one end and are meant to provide just enough light to get around in a tent or a car.

Again, it's not terrifically bright, but at 3 ounces, it's much lighter than an incandescent lantern, and a pair of AA batteries kept this thing going for about 24 solid hours on the low setting. The saving on batteries helps justify the price, about \$25, although it would be nice if these were waterproof, too.

YAKIMA CADDY YAK: You might not have noticed, but yakima, the venerable equipment-rack company, is no more. It's now

Yakima Destination Hardware.

The company is expanding its product line with its own version of the Burley kid trailer, as well as what looks an awful lot like a BOB cargo trailer knock-off. The Caddy Yak (\$425) isn't available yet, so it's hard to tell what its features are, although Yakima says it will fold up and fit into a rooftop carrier, a definite advantage over the Burley. And there are some new racks as well, like the ROC 'n' Gate, a trailer-hitch rack that swings aside for vehicles with large rear lift-gates.

RAINSHIELD CYCLING JACKET: This seems to be just what cycling wear was needing — a breathable, waterproof jacket that will roll up in a jersey pocket. It's made of 3M Propore fabric, originally designed for surgical gowns and mattress pads but turned into decent outerwear by Rainshield, a Minneapolis rain-wear company.

It's a not terribly durable, and like Gore-Tex, you can overwhelm the breathability if you're really working up a sweat, but it's comfy for casual use. At just \$32, it's a great replacement for those clear PVC cycling jackets that work like portable saunas.

MSR SUPER FLY STOVE: The trend in backpacking is definitely toward ultralight. Manufacturers are paring their equipment down to almost laughable weights. This stove is one example. It uses isobutane cartridges with self-sealing canisters, so you can dismantle the stove and not spill fuel all over your stuff — although the canisters aren't reusable.

The stove runs about \$60, the canisters about \$5.

MARMOT AREA 51: Ultralightweight hiking guru Ray Jardine is slowly paring down the outdoor mainstream. At the rate

things are going, campers are eventually going to be carrying nothing but a roll of cling wrap to sleep in.

Until then, you can make do with tents like the Marmot Area 51 (\$160), a two-person five-pounder that requires only a single tent pole. The Mountain Hardware Kiva, at \$250 and under five pounds, sleeps four, although it doesn't have a floor. For true minimalists, GoLite has a tarp, "Cave 2," that sleeps three and weighs only five ounces (\$190).

JANSPORT TREE FROG AND DART PACKS: Birdwatching has now cracked the list of top 10 most popular outdoor recreational activities, according to a new report by the Recreation Roundtable, an outdoors trade group. Its popularity is catching some designers' attention.

Eagle Creek and Lowe both have day packs designed to accommodate binoculars or cameras. JanSport is going even further, shipping two new packs this month designed specifically for nature watchers. They have special pouches for field guides, lenses and binoculars — as well as a built-in rain fly.

The Dart will sell for about \$100, and the smaller Tree Frog, a shorter model designed for women, will sell for about \$90.

NALGENE WATER BOTTLES: Finally, something for the camper who has everything: a pink Nalgene water bottle. The old standbys — smoked Lexan and translucent HDPE bottles — pale in comparison to these new offerings, Lexan bottles in orange, teal, fuchsia and green. They're available in camping stores for about \$8. That's around \$1.50 more than the traditional Nalgene containers, but hey, you gotta pay a price for style.

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NEWS FROM THE SOUTH

Journal Staff Reports

School Celebrates Native American Week

LOS LUNAS — Native American Week will be celebrated Tuesday through Friday next week at Los Lunas High School.

Native American dances by performers wearing ceremonial garb and Native American food sales will highlight the event, said Ben Analla, Title 9 Indian Education Officer for the high school. The event is sponsored by the high school Native American Club.

"It's free to the public and parents are welcome to come and take part," Analla said. "It gives us a chance to celebrate and honor our Native American students and culture. We hope that this event will continue to grow bigger and bigger every year."

He said that teachers have been encouraged to cover chapters in Native American history and culture during the week.

Analla noted that there are about 230 Native American students at the high school and about 600 overall in the district, with most from neighboring Isleta Pueblo.

On Tuesday, native food sales and performances are scheduled during A and B lunches in the high school courtyard. Scheduled to perform are the Isleta Headstart program and pueblo dancers from the high school Native American Club.

The event continues on Wednesday with native food sales, a native dress show and a late player during A and B lunch periods. On Thursday, the event will include native food sales and performances by a Plains Indian dance group during both lunches.

Students Clean Up Campus and Road

More than 500 bags of trash were collected Wednesday from the roadside of Meadow Lake Road by fourth-graders at Ann Parish Elementary, a member of the school's PTC said.

"I think the kids learned they can really make a difference in cleaning up their area," said Clay Mansfield of the school's Parent Teacher Committee, which sponsored the cleanup along with Toss No Más, a county Keep America Beautiful organization.

The event began with most of the school's 700 children cleaning up the school grounds, and then about 135 fourth-graders, assisted by teachers and parents and accompanied by a police escort, hit Meadow Lake Road, Mansfield said.

The children cleaned up the road both east and west of the school, he added. Toss No Más provided gloves and trash bags for the event, he said.

Officers To Pitch In For Special Olympics

Local police officers will serve as hosts and wait staff at Red Lobster, 5555 Montgomery NE, in Albuquerque on Friday in an effort to raise money for Special Olympics.

Tips received by the officers during the lunch and dinner shifts will be donated to the year-round sports program for individuals with mental retardation.

The effort, dubbed "Cops and Lobsters" by organizers, raised \$10,000 at New Mexico Red Lobster restaurants last year. It is one of several ways volunteer officers raise money and awareness of the Special Olympics.

Officers also will participate in the New Mexico Law Enforcement Torch Run June 13-16.

Horseman Keeps Fouring Breed Alive

■ *'Joty' Baca raises horses descendant from the oldest line in the Americas*

By ARLEY SANCHEZ
Journal Staff Writer

Doroteo "Joty" Baca leaned close to the head of one of his Spanish Barb horses and whispered in Spanish, "Dame un beso," or give me a kiss.

The horse rubbed noses with Baca. But don't call Baca a horse whisperer. And though he's dressed in a brown leather cowboy hat, new cowboy shirt and boots, he's not a cowboy.

"I don't claim to be a horse whisperer, and don't call me a cowboy either.

"There aren't any real cowboys left," he said. "If you have to call me something, call

me a horseman, or a horse rancher."

The 71-year-old Adelino man owns a 23-horse herd that belongs to the oldest breed in America: Spanish Barb horses brought to New Mexico and the rest of the Americas by the Conquistadores in the 1600s.

He's been breeding the horses since the 1950s and has formed an association called "Los Conquistadores." The association's mission is to work for the survival of the horses that form the foundation stock of most breeds in the Americas.

Developed over thousands of years and known as Barb or Barbary in Spain, the Spanish war horse was introduced in America as a horse of conquest. The Barb, the best mountain horse in the world, was bred with the Arabian, the best desert horse.

The result was a horse small enough to

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WILD ONES: Joty Baca's Spanish Barb horse herd grazes in a meadow near Ramah.

FRANK EYERS
FOR THE JOURNAL

VALENCIA COUNTY

Bosque Blazes Contained



JIM THOMPSON/JOURNAL

DANGER AT BAY: Firefighters from the Tomé-Adelino volunteer fire department house a fire near a home in the area of Tomé Hill in Valencia County.

Residents Scramble To Stay Ahead of Fire

■ *People prepare for the worst as flames from the bosque blazes come near their homes*

The Associated Press

LA JOYA — Carolyn Rogers was counting on prayer and a merciful wind as she watched an erratic wildfire spread along an irrigation ditch about a quarter-mile from

her home in this tiny village on the banks of the Rio Grande.

"Right now, it's right to the west of us," the mother of two girls said Tuesday evening. "It's on the other side of the ditch, between the small ditch and the river. Pray for us."

On Wednesday morning, things looked better. The fire had died down to embers smoldering across the ditch from the Rogers' home.

Firefighters had remained on the scene throughout the night and

into the morning. On Wednesday, the smoke had cleared, and there were no more big flames.

Rogers' neighbors were evacuated and came to the Rogers' house to sleep. The neighbor's home was saved — in fact, no houses burned, officials said.

Ski Mills, assistant fire chief for Ben, said things were calm and peaceful Wednesday morning, but crews worried about the possibility of winds kicking up again.

"We think we got her whipped if

this will hold," he said.

The biggest concern was the La Joya area.

"It's down again, but it all depends on Old Mother Weather," Mills said.

The fire at La Joya and numerous other blazes erupted Tuesday across the state as a typical spring windstorm raked New Mexico. The fire at La Joya was about 2,000 acres.

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Fire Official Says Arson Is Suspected

By ARLEY SANCHEZ
Journal Staff Writer

Firefighters on Wednesday had contained a series of suspected arson fires that scorched about 280 acres of river bosque in Valencia County on Tuesday, deputy Fire Marshal Charles Eaton said.

"People shouldn't have to worry unless there's a drastic change, but we don't see any danger at this point," Eaton said of four fires that broke out on the east and west sides of the river on Tuesday.

"We've got everything contained within a perimeter. We have state and federal forestry (firefighters) policing the hot spots. They will maintain 24-hour policing until the end of the weekend," he said.

He said all of the fires are believed to have been deliberately set, and that an investigation is being jointly conducted by the county sheriff's office, the county fire marshal's office and the state Forestry Division.

"We are gathering information on a daily basis on possible suspects in these fires," he said.

All county volunteer fire departments were released from duty Wednesday and are on standby in case the fires rekindle, Eaton said.

Despite the spectacular nature of the flames and smoke that filled county skies on Tuesday, there was remarkably little loss of property and no serious injuries, Eaton said.

"There were some pastures burned and a metal frame barn with some hay in it burned, but that was pretty much the extent of the damage," he said.

He added, "All of the crews, county, state and federal, did an exceptional job, even in the face of so much wind. We were fortunate to get a hold of it as much as we did. Our ultimate goal was the protection of property and life and that was accomplished."

East and northeast winds gust-

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BELEN

City Workshop To Address Houston Firm's Power Plant Proposal

By ARLEY SANCHEZ
Journal Staff Writer

The city plans to schedule a workshop to discuss a proposal for a \$100 million natural gas-fired power plant west of the airport.

"Everybody believes this is a done deal, but it's not," Belen Mayor Ronnie Torres said on Wednesday.

"We have been getting calls from

concerned residents who have questions and what I'd like to do is schedule a workshop to try to answer some of these questions," Torres said.

Cobisa Corp. of Houston is proposing to build a 220-megawatt plant on 20 acres of a 160-acre site about three miles west of Belen's Alexander Airport.

The company is negotiating with

the city for industrial revenue bonds, after rights and annexation, but no decisions have been made, Torres said.

Because the site is in an unincorporated part of Valencia County, Torres said he'd like for the workshop to include the City Council, the city Planning and Zoning Commission and the Valencia County Commission.

"That way, they (company representatives) can explain what they want to do and where they plan to get the water they need, what kinds of fuels they plan to use and any other questions that people might have," he said.

"I want to make it clear that this is just in the planning stage and that nothing has been decided," Torres added.

In October, company officials said that deregulation of electrical industries in New Mexico prompted plans to build the plant. Officials at the time speculated that businesses and residents could see savings in their electric bills of up to 20 percent.

Officials said the project would generate up to 200 local jobs during

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BUSINESS

Belen gift shop specializes in railroad memorabilia

WEATHER

High 78

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SPORTS

Los Lunas' Whitener tosses no-hitter to lead Tigers past Belen

Firefighters Contain Bosque Blazes

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ing to 30 mph and higher kicked up about noon Tuesday, fueling fires in Adelino, Tomé and Los Chavez. Tinderbox conditions in the bosque and the high winds combined to make the fires particularly hard to fight, Eaton said.

Eaton thanked residents and business owners who provided food and drink to firefighters.

The fires created 30-foot-tall flames and sent billowing clouds of smoke into county skies, threatening homes and livestock, forcing evacuations and closing parts of N.M. 47 and Edeal Road for varying times on Tuesday, Eaton said.

Some residents used garden hoses and sprinklers to try to protect their property. About 70 firefighters from all seven county departments, as well as from the communities of Belen and Los Lunas, and the state Forestry Division and Albuquerque Fire Department wildland crews worked on the fires, Eaton said.

Other responding included disaster volunteers with the Mid-Rio Chapter of the American Red Cross, who provided burgers, snacks and water and other drinks to firefighters.

The Red Cross also reported it sent a team to Los Lunas High School to assist school staff with a shelter for children who were unable to leave school due to the fire.



JAY FLORES/JOURNAL

WINDBLOWN SMOKE: Los Lunas firefighters arrive at the scene of a fire off Edeal Road, just west of N.M. 47, on Tuesday. Visibility was extremely poor due to smoke.

Residents Scramble To Beat Fire

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State Police advised some residents to leave.

Rogers, who works at a grocery store in Veguita, hurried home when she heard of the fire.

She watered down the flat-roofed adobe house she moved into about six years ago and hoped for the best.

Firefighters spent the night patrolling the area between the river and a cluster of about a dozen homes that includes the Rogers' residence.

Thomas Derding said his family had taken a drive a few miles north to Bernardo when they noticed the fire behind them Tuesday afternoon.

"We're keeping our property cool," he said, meaning he and neighbors have been watering down everything.

Flareups at La Joya and Contreras continued into the night.

As a former forest firefighter from the California Conservation Corps, he said, he pitched in with nearby firefighting efforts as well.

"We still have too much grass around here," he said, "too many trees. All our houses are too close together."

County Officials May Impose Restrictions on Burning

By DONNA REDMAN
For the Journal

Valencia County officials are considering imposing restrictions on burning as long as the fire potential is so volatile, said Valencia County Fire Marshal John Cherry in a phone interview.

"Tuesday we had 48 to 50 mph wind gusts, and we had fire debris dropping a mile and a quarter away," Cherry said. "I'd like to ban all fire until we get some rain."

He said the state Forestry Division

sion believes that New Mexico is in for a wet summer and that state and local fire officials haven't made a decision on whether to impose restrictions.

"I guess the bottom line right now is we're undecided, but yes, I am looking into some type of burning restrictions," Cherry said.

Farmers are getting irrigation water, so most of the ditches and fields already have been cleared. But people still are burning weeds and trash during yard cleanups and debris cleanups, Cherry said.

"People need use extreme care when burning anything," Cherry said.

Following is list of precautions to prevent start of a wildfire:

- Don't burn here is any wind, or even if the is wind in the weather forecast "Wind is the worst culprit," Cherry said.

- Never throw cigarette butts out a car window onto the ground. Use ashtrays.

- Place material to be burned in an area cleared of dry brush or grass and at least 10 feet from any

structures.

- Clear brush from wooden fences, wood piles and propane tanks.

- Rake dry weeds into small piles, and burn them one at a time. Have a hose with the water running or another water source nearby.

- Handle anything that could produce heat or a spark or a flame with extreme caution — car exhaust pipes, power tools, welders, barbecue grills and so forth.

DEATHS

ISABEL CARRILLO

Isabel Carrillo, 85, formerly of Albuquerque, died Sunday after a long illness.

Carrillo was preceded in death by her parents, Ricardo and Juanita Madrid; and her two daughters, Mary Louise and Rachel Carrillo.

She is survived by her daughter, Simona Martinez of Belen; 11 grandchildren, Susie Sally Louis, Lilly Ann, Abel Jr. and Raymond Anthony Araujo, Patsy Ortiz, Mary Louisa Romero, Cecilia Martinez, Mario Paul Ortiz, Prudy Orozco, Josie Rachel Dominguez and Angel Carrillo; 28 grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Interment took place at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Cemetery.

Romero Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ELIGIO M. GARCIA

Eligio M. Garcia, 93, died Friday. He was a resident of Belen.

Garcia was a member of the San Clemente Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Lorencita Carrillo and Priscilla Armijo; and brothers, Joe and Placido Garcia.

Garcia is survived by his daughter, Helen Hupp of Wheeling, W. Va.; seven grandchildren; four nieces; sister-in-law, Nina Garcia; guardian, Fidel Aragon of Los Lunas; and very special friend, Fred Gallegos, also of Los Lunas. He also is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Contact Romero Funeral Home at 864-8501 for service times.

DONALD R. RICHARDS

Donald R. Richards, 68, died Sunday after a short illness.

Richards was a resident of Belen for 27 years.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 21 years of service. He was an officer and active member of the Moose Lodge No. 1680, VFW Post 2387 and the American Legion Post 58.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Lela (Liz), and son, Walter (Dick) Richards.

Richards is survived by his children, Ernest Richards of Gillette, Wyo., Sheryl Mobbley of Belen, Cindy Hultgren of Albuquerque and Charles Richards of Los Lunas. He also is survived by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place. A donation may be made to your favorite charity in Richards' name.

Romero Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

GRADY EUGENE WIMBERLY JR.

Grady Eugene Wimberly Jr., 39, died Monday.

Wimberly was a resident of Veguita, N.M.

He was employed with South West Sewer Co.

Wimberly was preceded in death by his father, Grady Eugene Wimberly, and mother, Geneva Revas.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Patricia of the family home; daughter, Jasmine; two sons, Jody and Clayton; four brothers, Jerry Wimberly of Fruita, Colo., Johnny Davis of Belen, Kenneth Davis of Bosque and Gary Wimberly of Belen; and father- and mother-in-law, Juan and Ann Loranca of Los Chavez. Wimberly also is survived by many nieces and nephews.

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SPANISH STUDS: Two of Joty Baca's Spanish Barb studs, Cornche, left, and Piñon, are separated from the rest of the herd.

Horseman Keeps Breed Alive

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travel in Spanish galleons, but tough, fast and agile enough to survive the harshest of winters and attacks by lions and other predators.

Known for their great stamina, the horses were used by western settlers on long cattle drives and the Native Americans used them to hunt buffalo. The Pony Express used them to run the mail. And though they will repel a pack of coyotes or wolves, they're also gentle enough for a child to ride.

In 400 years, however, the horse has undergone cross breeding, pushing the breed to the point of extinction. Now associations like Baca's throughout the West are trying to preserve the breed as pure as when the Spaniards first brought them, he said.

In the Zuni Mountains near Ramah, about 60 miles southwest of Grants, Baca and his son, Mark, and 5-year-old great-granddaughter, Elexa, travel over an alfalfa bale to a pump house on Mark's ranch to water and feed the horses.

As the wild grass in the valley undulates with the brisk wind, the horses pick up their heads



LONGTIME BREEDER: Joty Baca has been breeding Spanish Barb horses since the 1950s.

from grazing and prick the ears as Baca's pickup approaches.

Curious and ebullient as children, the horses break into an excited trot as Mark breaks open an alfalfa bale. They kick and whirl and throw their manes into the wind.

Joty Baca said he's organizing an 11-mile invitation-only horseback ride on Memorial Day from his son's ranch to Morro National Monument off N.M. 53. The Spanish colonizer Don Juan de Oñate left a message of his passing on the massive 30-foot sandstone mesa known as "Inscription Rock." Oñate and his party were riding Spanish Barb

horses.

"This is a way of showing people that these horses are the real thing; in a way they're coming home," Baca said, adding that a barbecue at the ranch is planned as part of the event.

Baca said he began raising the horses in about 1955 and has tried to keep them as purebred as possible. He noted that once there were thousands of the horses across the Americas.

"The poor things are almost gone and they're the ones that made this country, and not just this country, but from Alaska to Canada and from one coast to the

other," he said. "I want to try and keep this breed alive."

The horses have certain physical contours that set them apart, he said.

"You see that mare right there. That's what they should look like," he said, pointing out the horse's lean head, full deep neck, long sloping shoulders, strong back, long legs and more upright hooves than other breeds.

Baca said he keeps most of his herd in the wild countryside in Ramah, but has some at his home and at a daughter's home in Adelino.

"These horses don't need things like barns or blankets," Baca said, adding that one of his horses survived a mauling by a mountain lion and later became one of the best roping horses in Cibola County.

"I'm proud of these horses and I'm proud that I'm trying to do my part to try and save them," he said. "All I want is for my children and my grandchildren and great-grandchildren to see these animals that helped make this great country."

Anyone wishing to join the association can call Baca at 864-7985, or his daughter, Dorothy Koenig, at 864-7870.

DAILY RECORD

BIRTHS

Presbyterian Hospital

Oct. 11

- Felix and Amanda Espinoza of Belen, boy, Carlos Felix.

Oct. 13

- Ritchie and Aimee Sexton of Los Lunas, boy, Asher Kendall.

Oct. 14

- Christopher and Tina Baca of Belen, boy, Kameron Paul.

- Jacob and Lyndsi Alderete of Los Lunas, girl, Elijah Lenay.

Oct. 15

- Marisa Moya of Los Lunas, girl, Kayleigh Scarlett Amerys.

- Jose M. and Bernadette Silva of Belen, boy, Julian Marcos.

Oct. 17

- Leondra Scott and Levi Cripe of Los Lunas, girl, Sierra Dawn.

Oct. 20

- Justin and Sarah Smith of Los Lunas, girl, Shianne Dawn.

- Ricky Yequierdo and Karen M. Apodaca of Los Lunas, girl, Lindsey Monique.

Oct. 24

- William and Mary Shoffner of Los Lunas, girl, Kayla Nikole.

Oct. 25

- Juan Carlos Aparicio and Renee Yvonne Gabaldon of Belen, girl, Celeste Maria.

Oct. 26

- Matthew and Erin Castillo of Belen, boy, Matthew Raymond.

- Francisco and Yolanda Robles of Belen, boy, Joshua Andrew.

- Joseph and Shanna Byers of Los Lunas, boy, Derek William.

Oct. 27

- Angelina E. Garcia of Los Lunas, boy, Mario Antonio.

Oct. 29

- David and Sharon Olsen of Belen, girl, Alyssa Marie.

Oct. 31

- Charles Thomas and Zia Pilar Thompson of Los Lunas, girl, Francesca Reice.

Nov. 2

- William and Donene Seelbach of Belen, girl, Mackenzie.

Nov. 4

- Geri Gonzales and George Lawrence of Los Lunas, boy, Alexander Nathaniel.

- Tony and Victoria Romero of Los Lunas, boy, Dominic.

Nov. 9

- San Juana and Aaron Garcia of Belen, boy, Sebastian Alexander.

- Richard and Tammy Bear of Los Lunas, girl, Brandy Deanne.

Nov. 11

- Cary and Robin Wyatt of Los Lunas, boy, Thomas William.

Nov. 13

- Kristen Hartley and Levi Arinder of Belen, Kaitlynn Brianna.

Nov. 14

- Francisco and Rosalie Lopez of Los Lunas, boy, Andres Martin.

- Raul Zamora and Cherie Gallegos of Los Lunas, boy, Mykel Raul.

Nov. 16

- Vicente and Rachael Rodriguez of Belen, boy, Adan Cristobal.

- Travis Messer and Cordelia Barela of Belen, boy, Travis Lee II.

Workshop To Address Proposal for Plant

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construction and a permanent staff of up to 26 with an annual payroll of about \$1.5 million.

They disclosed that the plant would use about 1,500 acre-feet of water annually for cooling towers, with half coming from gray water, or treated effluent, from the city's sewer plant. The rest would come from fresh water provided by the city.

Company officials said the plant would deliver power through existing power lines and would serve New Mexico and parts of surrounding states.

Torres said he hoped a workshop could be scheduled within a month.

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HOW THE HORSE WON THE WEST!

What is a Mustang? A Mesteno- the name given at the time, to the “ownerless horse”. Running in herds by the millions the wild horses of the southwest and plains were a meka the 19th and early 20th century.

Originally bred in Spain and northern Africa they were transported to South America, Mexico or Cuba by the Spanish. They were intelligent, resourceful and strong-the Spanish rode them into the desert southwest to explore this New World. Their ancestry puts the North African horse in with a mix of Arabian and Barb stock.

The Arabian itself was the descendants of the Barb, bred from an Oriental stock. These still running free today in Mongolia where they live in small herds alongside some of the village people.

The severity of life for the North African horses altered this hot- blooded equine until the Norse Dun from up north was introduced into the bloodline. These new "barbs" became known as the Jennet-- and this is where the story of the western barb and the first western horse begins-the first since the extinction of the three toed equine in North America.

Englishman Thomas Blundeville wrote in the sixteenth-century of the Spanish Jennet,
{THE WILD HORSE PROJECT WAS MADE UP OF ARTISANS AND COMMITTED PEOPLE}
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Columbus had shipping the first of these horses to Espanola on his second voyage to the New World though complained not all of them were of the best stock. In 1519 Hernando Cortez sailed from Cuba in a campaign against the Aztecs. The Aztecs knew nothing of the horse so were more afraid of them calling them large dogs. The Spanish explorers, in their search for treasure, i.e the Seven Cities of Gold, brought with them a European Culture, horses, wine and families. Today all survived, with the -horses still running the back country.

The legendary upside-down V of its' front legs looking stiff giving the appearance of sturdiness. Like it's ancestor the Arabian, the true barb is lacking in one vertebrae in the spine. A shorter back may make it more flexible in the back country. These Jennet's spread quickly throughout the southwest and by the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the Spanish horse population had spread from Florida to California and the Rio Grande to Missouri.

In time the Apache became better horseman than the Spaniard by watching them. The Indian came to prefer an already trained horse and began stealing horses-abandoning them and creating some of the wildhorse herds of today.

The Texas Longhorn cattle also bred in Spain were the first "beef" and introducing ranching to both North America and South America. They multiplied rapidly in the mission herds and when land grants were issued in 1780 to individuals with intent of establishing ranches which would further set claims by Spanish rule. Though no more

than twenty private ranches existed in Mexico.

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Oñate marched north from Mexico to what is now Santa Fe with "about 100
\mares and colts." Up the Rio Grande Valley .

Regardless of the area the boon in the wild-horse population created an attitude of plenty. The Native American felt "there were plenty more of the they came from" no one putting claim to these horses because everyone now wanted a trained animal.

Father Ignaz Pfefferkorn, in Sonora, Mexico described the mustangs as "well built, small boned, fine appearing, proud, and fiery, yet they submit easily to taming and training".

It is said there are even today wild horses living in some of the marsh lands of Florida and the islands off of the coast of North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. The Spanish would begin trading horses with the Indians and the desire for possession with neighboring tribes grew. It became incumbent on their culture to own as many horses as

Eventually the El Camino Real and the Spanish Trail in New Mexico became the main theatre of travel of the horseman. Then came the Great Basin of Utah .

Few of the tribes saw the horse as a historical entity except a few in Oklahoma and the Idaho Nez Perce (who bred the Appaloosa). Many of the tribal wars grew out of horse stealing from ranches and with tribes stealing .

THE WILD HORSES OF NEW MEXICO

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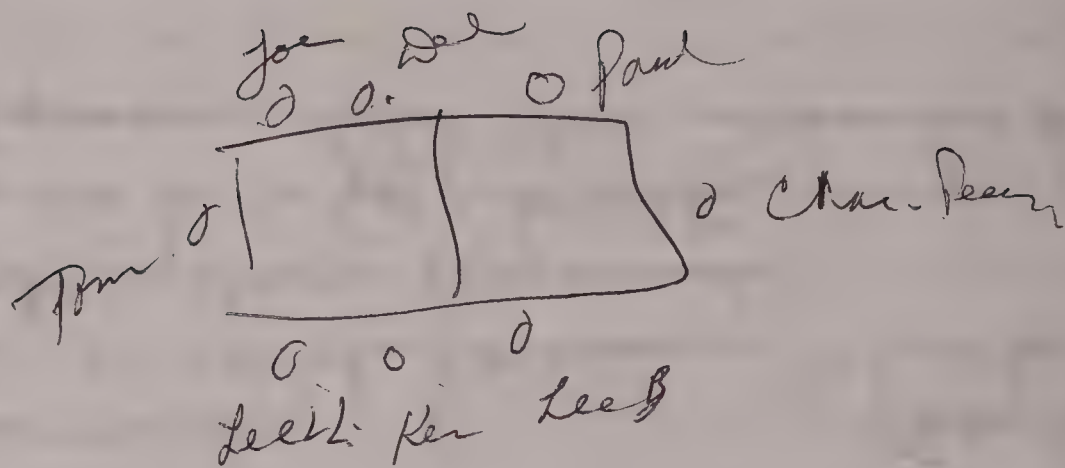
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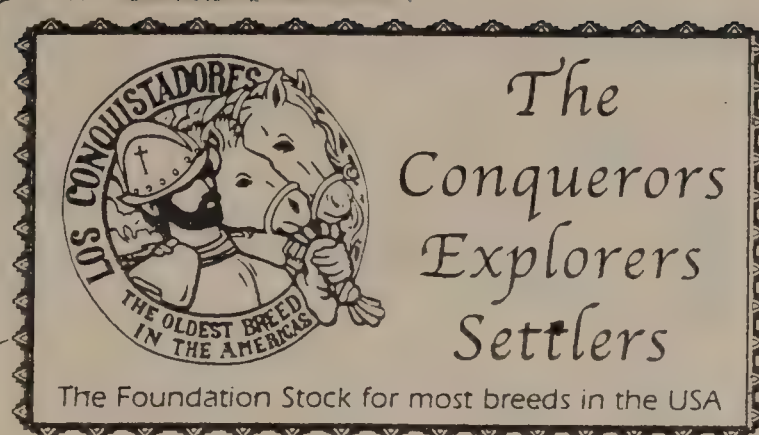
PETITION

1. TO PRESERVE THE LAST OF THE WILD HORSES* in Northern New Mexico on their legal designated wild horse reserve on La Jarita Mesa.
2. To have the Herd: a) Protected by the El Rito Forest Service (which is part of the Forest Service Job Description). b) Preserved as a "*Viable Herd*" genetically in a viable population of 100-150 head to avoid inbreeding and to balance out yearly horse deaths by animal and human predators.
3. To ENFORCE the limiting of cattle grazing by Permittees during "Drought Years" to ensure grazing for the Horses, Elk and Deer that have to survive through the harsh winters of La Jarita Mesa.

* Which have been tested to have Old Spanish DNA Markers!!! Making them of Great Historical Value to we Natives of Northern New Mexico and to all American Horse Lovers as living symbols of American Freedom!!!!!!!!!!

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Personal Invitation

We are having a big gathering
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~Place~

At the Baca Chica #2, located in the Timberlake Ranch
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~Date~

Saturday, May 27th and Sunday, May 28th

Saturdays events:

2:00P.M. Guest arrivals and preparations.

Sundays events:

6:00-7:30A.M. Continental breakfast.

7:30-8:30A.M. Send off of horseback riders,
leaving for El Morro national monument.

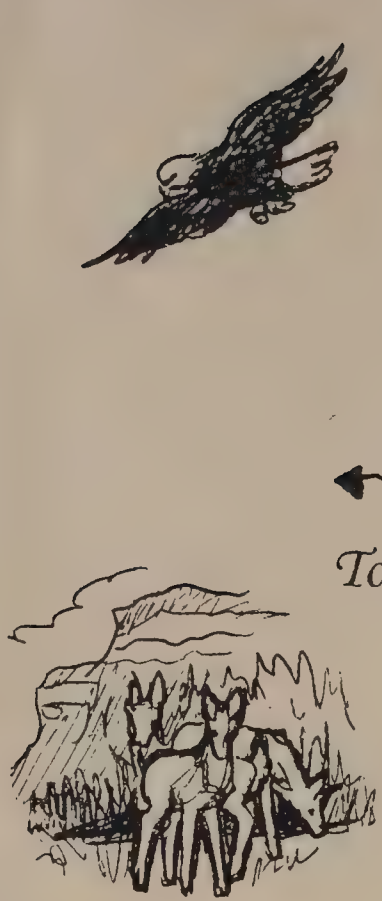
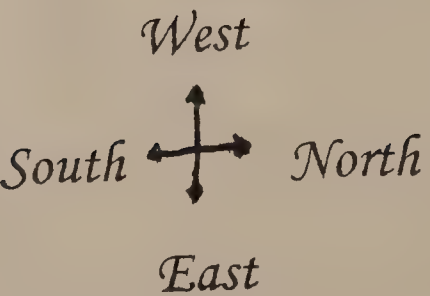
8:30-9:30A.M. Memorial services, especially for Class of 47.

9:30-2:30P.M. Meeting and gathering of old friends.

2:30-5:00P.M. Old time Mantanza and Bar-B-Que meal.

5:00P.M. Everybody is on their own.

Please respond by May 15th and notify us of how many people will be
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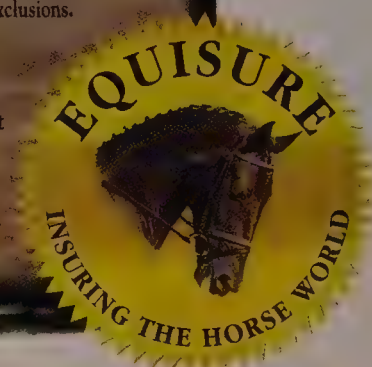
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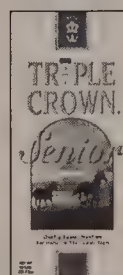
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Politics

Get out and vote.

Dressage Article

Crista Vesel, our usual dressage training author, is taking a short leave of absence. While we await her return, we will be featuring articles written by other reputable trainers. This month, Colleen Rieder, owner/instructor at JBR Farms in Bosque Farms, NM, provided an article on dressing for dressage. Check it out on page 10.

HorseFair 2001

Our expo has undergone a name change (for the better, I think). Now known as *HorseFair 2001, an Arabian Charity Event*, the show is scheduled to make its debut at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds, July 4-8, 2001. Mark your calendar and look for their ad on page 4.

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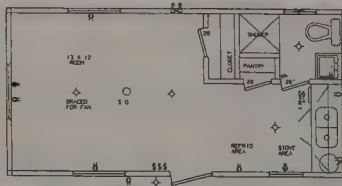
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A good rule of thumb is based on simple logic: the more experience/skill/knowledge you possess, the less you have to pay for. An untrained yearling with spectacular bloodlines might be a true bargain for the experienced trainer. However, if you are going to have to hire a trainer, learn to ride, build a barn and arena, buy a truck and trailer, you can see that that yearling isn't really a bargain for you. Because age brings experience and knowledge (despite what your teenager says), the younger the animal, the more knowledge you must possess to be successful. Unfortunately, the younger the animal, the lower the price and too many folks consider only the purchase price when getting a horse. Believe me, that is only the beginning of the costs.

Learn to Ride First

One of the most common pieces of advice I have been giving clients for over thirty years is simply this: Don't buy a horse, pony, burro, donkey or equine! At least not yet. Learn to ride first. There are legions of instructors and trainers who have lots of knowledge and equines you can use. Really! In fact, if you can ride well, you will probably get more equines than you can imagine to ride, without owning any of them! The key, like most things, is in knowledge.



Staci Fry demonstrates the basics of a beginner's attire: long pants, boots with a heel, and a helmet.

How do I get started?

Check out the Trainers Directory on page 24 of this magazine, the Yellow Pages, the feed store bulletin board, and call up a couple of trainers who give instruction. Ask to watch a beginning lesson and pay close attention (if the trainer does not allow visitors, select someone else). Do you like that person's teaching style? Do the students appear to be enjoying themselves (both equine and human)? Is the facility a place you might be comfortable in?

For your first lesson, long pants and shoes or boots with a heel are mandatory for both proper learning and safety. Until you make sure riding is right for you, don't invest in anything special. A safety helmet is a really good idea and mandatory at most barns for juniors. But, if the barn requires you to wear a helmet right away,

they should have one you can borrow during your lesson. In fact, that is the key element to learning to ride before you buy – you can try out everything before you make the decision to purchase!

Barns run from the basic to the extravagant, as does instruction. You are just starting out and virtually any equine professional has the skills to get you started. Right now you are looking for a pro who does well with beginners – it doesn't matter if his students are riding on the Olympic Team if he can't convey the basics successfully to you. Riding is a serious sport with the potential for life-altering (or ending) injury; everyone involved at the barn should respect your needs and the needs of all the animals and people involved.

What should I expect?

Safety should be paramount

at any facility and your first lesson should include the basics of safety around equines. You should expect to learn how to walk, lead, handle or pet an equine – safely. Riding style, english or western, is a matter of personal preference and many barns that specialize in starting beginners have both available. Most beginners start western because they have a horn to hang on to, but english saddles can also be equipped with aommel strap (kinda like a grab-handle) to increase security.

Your first mount may be older than you are and looking a little the worse for wear – but don't let looks deceive you. That equine has forgotten more about starting riders than you will probably ever know! Trust your equine partner to do his job (initially carrying you around the arena at a walk), and concentrate on learning yourself. You will probably fall in love with this first horse and want to buy him. Don't. First of all, you probably can't afford him

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(good lesson horses are worth literally their weight in gold), plus you are going to outgrow him. At first you think it will never happen, but before you know it, you'll be asking *him* to challenge *you*. That isn't his job – his job is to get you off to a good start, then it's time for another partner. (Now aren't you glad you didn't buy the first horse you saw?)

This is why starting with riding lessons is so wonderful. You can move through the barn, *continued on page 8*



Kira Fry has her first experience on a mule at Maureen Hamilton's Saddle-Up America Equine Open House. A well-trained mule like Rosie (owned and trained by the author), can give any beginner a boost of confidence in the saddle.

improving your skill level, try out different breeds and styles of riding, all without permanent purchase. Many barns offer a leasing plan and that is often the next step to ownership. Because a lease is only for a limited time period, you can make sure equine ownership is really for you. If your goal is moving you toward the show ring, you will probably be more able to lease, rather than buy, a competitive equine for use in competitive showing (unless you just hit the Lotto.) And leasing gives you a hint of equine responsibility — suddenly new shoes, a colicky tummy, a strained tendon is *your* problem. Because a lease is a legal document, make sure you have help in arranging the lease and that it covers all the factors you wish it to. Many books discuss leasing and most outside professionals in the same field will give you an unbiased evalua-

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By the time you have learned to ride competently at an intermediate level, you can seriously contemplate the pros and cons of owning a horse. Now you have contacts, knowledge about your sport, and some skills to try out prospective purchases. Next month we'll analyze purchasing an equine. Until then, keep your checkbook closed and concentrate on your learning! **HT**

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Word passed one to another

of distress at the main gate, prompting the Belen Sheriff's Posse members to run in haste, gathering the means to release two back feet from their prison of restraint. In truth, I offer naught of apologies to Mr. Skeen or Mr. Martine for their campaign boards torn down and laid over the iron rails as a needle found place by the hand of Los Lunas Vet, Donny MacDougall, to quell a frightened animal.

With blinding light, a cutting torch at 1600 degrees made molecular changes, while water flowed on a blanket to stem the heat from a leg. A soft thud announced success when the second rail fell as the welders, Ed Lulro and Jim Thompson, stood back. She was free!

Gentle strong hands dragged a sleeping giant clear. A light from a police car shone while a girls'

tender hand caressed a sleeping head in her lap and raps made tight torn flesh. Slowly, light came into the mares eyes. A nose twitched. A head raised as after a while, standing on wobbling legs, she took a tentative step. The Vet offered an opinion: "Recovery leading to full survival." As of August 29 (the day of this writing), the horse is doing well.

Complacency

"Like flies! They were dropping like flies!" cried Nancy DeLare, nursing an arm shrouded in plaster, as she sat at my table in Murphy's Mule Barn where I was holding court one morning. A well placed kick had taken care of her just before Rex Lewis received a slightly broken wrist. Clyde Lujan took a nasty whack on the head from the trailer door when a horse made a hasty exit.

All of this on May 5th at the T or C parade.

I was looking for a duck in Albuquerque with twenty-two dollars and sixty-three cents. Miller's Feed and Supply (8998 4th Street NW), had a cockerel, laying hens, and rabbits – and feed for all. But today they were short on ducks.

Farmer's Feed and Supply (7008 4th Street NW), held a sheep, a goat, a calf, a hen and a duck... for twenty-two dollars and sixty-three cents. With the duck under my arm I met a man who had a dog which ate my duck. "How much for the duck?" asked he. "Twenty two dollars and sixty three cents." (*Story based on a song, Unknown*). **HT**




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3. Are you wearing your hairnet?

These are just a few questions that you need to review – not when you enter the arena and are going down centerline – but weeks before you enter the show arena.

Dressage is our “Black Tie” event in the arena, and this month we will cover what it takes to “look your best”.

Your appearance is of utmost importance in your show ring appeal and presentation. After all, you are there to show *you* and *your* horse. And what creates a more beautiful picture? A clean, confident, well turned-out rider that has taken every step in his or her preparation.

Whether old or new, putting together your show ring presentation does require a little effort. Below is a list of guidelines that follows the American Horse Show Association (AHSA) requirements.



Colleen Rieder dressed to compete.

There is one item that ties the whole “look” together. It’s a confident, positive attitude. You have to be wearing it. It will convey to the judge and spectators that after all the preparation and effort, you feel and look your best! And that makes for a better ride!



Photo by R.H. Froman

Putting it all together should begin weeks before you enter the show ring.

Training - Fourth Level (Men & Women)

1. Short riding coat/conservative color (navy/black)
2. Tie, choker or stock tie
3. Breeches/Jodhpurs (white or cream)
4. Tall boots/Jodhpur boots
5. Black hunt cap (ASTM/SEI certified) derby or top hat
6. White ratcatcher
7. Gloves (white/black)
8. Stock pin - conservative

Fourth Level & Above

1. Dark tailcoat (shadbelly) with top hat
2. Dark jacket with bowler or hunt cap
3. White/cream breeches
4. Stock or tie
5. White gloves
6. Tall black boots
7. Stock pin - conservative

For added polish, stress cleanliness, pressed and proper fit (no squeezing into smaller sizes). Make sure your hat is

applied correctly to your head with it positioned one finger horizontally above brow.

Hair and Make-up

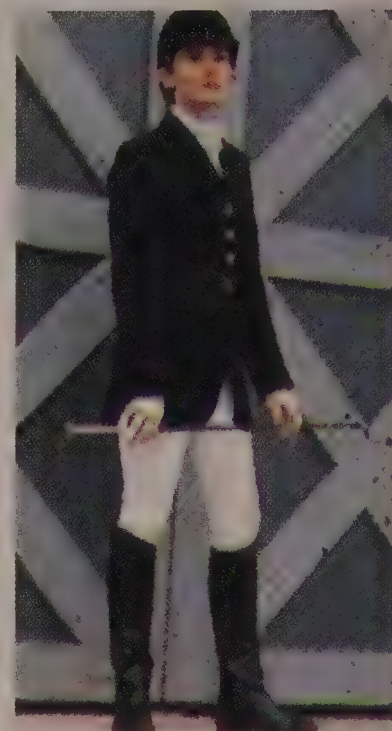
Sorry guys, this one's not for you! Long hair should be braided or bunned and secured discreetly with pins no longer than three inches below hairline. Spray the hair well and apply a hairnet that matches the color of your hair.

Short hair of any length should be well groomed, sprayed and secured under a hairnet.

If you wear make-up, it should be matched to skin tone. The make-up should be applied for a soft, dramatic look, reflecting an elegant appearance. When in doubt, be conservative and don't forget to buy waterproof products.

No No's in the Ring

1. Make-up too dark
2. Hair hanging down on collar
3. No hairnet
4. Large, showy jewelry (no



Clothing, whether new or gently used, should be clean, pressed and tidy.

dangle earrings)

5. Rips or tears in clothing, hats, etc.

Last But Not Least

There is one item that ties the whole “look” together. It's a confident, positive attitude. You have to be wearing it. It will convey to the judge and spectators that after all the preparation and effort, you feel and look your best! And that makes for a better ride!

Next month: Horse Show Grooming and Presentation **HT**

Colleen Rieder owns and operates JBR Farms in Bosque Farms, NM, a small dressage barn dedicated to educating the equestrian. JBR Farms offers private lessons, clinics and fine horses for sale. A lifelong horsewoman, Colleen has been trained in several disciplines and attended the Talland School of Equitation in Cirencester, England, obtaining the British Horse Society assistant and intermediate instructor certificates. She continues her education on a regular basis. Colleen can be reached at JBR Farms at 505-869-8244.

Q My horse is big for his breed and tired all the time. He can't go, has flabby muscles, and a blood test shows low blood albumin. Why?

A When assessing blood protein levels, you need to compare albumin to globulin levels to know more. Albumin is the fraction that is soluble in water and carrier of nutrients including minerals. The globulin portion fights infection. Were globulins high? This ratio is important.

Exposure to environmental toxins will cause this phenomenon. This lowers blood pressure while leaking fluid from blood into the lymph, causing bloating, tiredness, flaccid muscles, intolerance to exercise and bloated abdomen. Look at people in a mall someday and see what is happening to society! This increasing obesity is not so much from increases of body fat as it is this toxic syndrome. This is why simply dieting and exercise fail to correct these problems.

This syndrome causes endocrine compromise and immune compromise so that the body becomes more susceptible to infection from organisms that it would easily be able to fend off under normal circumstances, includ-

ing EPM. A large undercurrent syndrome here has to do with thyroid, as this gland takes the biggest hit from environmental chemicals.

Q I am doing a research project for environmental issues and have your video. Will it show me what I need to know about your "perspective" or where else should I look?

A I don't know which video you have, but there are three available. The first one is called "Environmental Health Connections: The Overview", and this is the one that best shows by a flow chart, actually how the environmental chemicals predispose the body to opportunistic infections and diseases of all sorts. It was produced a year and a half ago, so if you find any new info that I would be interested in, please share it, as there are new findings all the time. This EPM program is really an adaptation of a human program developed originally for environmental illness and its fallout syndromes of chronic fatigue, blood sugar irregularities, obesity, cholesterol probs, allergies, asthma, etc. It was patented first in 1996, and was the only diet program ever to be awarded a US patent, and there are over 28,000 other diets registered in the US.

This was the summation of more than eight years of successful clinical trials.

The average time for clinical trials is 60 days, which is done for new drugs coming to market. Prozac had only a 60 day trial, for instance.) On Jan 5, 1999, a "continuation in part" patent was issued and published in the Washington Gazette for application to "all autoimmune diseases" like rheumatoid arthritis, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, Multiple sclerosis, Lupus, Fibromyalgia and others. You can access the complete write-up through your library. The patent number is 5,855,949. It has very good information that is not found in textbooks. It was also picked up by ABC NEWS and a piece was put on their website, and is still there in the archives (and on our website). The other product in the EPM program is also under a patent published in the Gazette on Mar 5, 1996, and the patent number is 5,496,567.

This column is provided by **Linsey McClean**, a biochemist at Vita Royal Products, Inc. You can find more equine related health questions and answers on the Vita Royal web site at www.vitaroyal.com.

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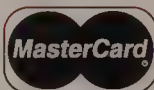
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- Ongoing* Guided trail rides and pack trips in Manzano Mountain Wilderness, May thru October. A.D. Herrera 505-847-2575.
- 14-17 High Prairie Fall Classic, Hunter/Jumper, High Prairie Farms, Parker, CO. 303-841-5550, www.highprairiefarms.com/events.htm
- 16-17 "Hoof-It" hoof care clinic, Lone Silo Enterprises, Delta, CO. Sat. for farriers and Sunday for horse owners. Ken 970-874-1144.
- 16-17 WCCHA Cutting, FCCRA approved, Ridgeway, CO. Chad Lucas 970-533-9028.
- 19 Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m. Scena 505-768-5308.
- 21-24 USDF Region 5 Championships, High Prairie Farms, Parker CO. Lloyd Landkamer 612-420-2280.
- 22 TPA Sanctioned Penning, Sonoita Fairgrounds, Sonoita, AZ. 505-244-3964.
- 22-24 Harry Whitney Clinic at NNMHA arena, Santa Fe, NM. \$130/day for riders, \$20/day for auditors or \$50 for all three days. 505-982-5840.
- 23 The Basics of Horse Care & Ground Work, 8-hour hands-on clinic in Elizabeth, CO. Limited to 4 partici-

pants. \$150. Other dates are available. Gerrie Barnes 303-646-9855 or email gjbarnes@rmi.net.

- 23 Cutting Horse Clinic at Chico Feed Lot Arena, Pueblo, CO. Brenda Williams 719-583-2964 or 1-800-403-7146. I-25 exit 100A, approx. 11.5 miles east to Chico Rd.
- 23-24 Raian Kaiser TTEAM for Horses and Companion Animals, Good Horse Ranch, Loveland, CO. 970-203-0725 or 7acres@goodhorse.com.
- 23-24 NM State Fair Arabian Horse Show, 505-265-1791.
- 23-23 Roy Yates Reining Horse Training Clinic, Breene, CO. Britt Roberts 970-247-7974.
- 29-10/1 1st Annual Homolovi A/PRCA Season Finale Rodeo, Winslow Rodeo Grounds - Airport Road and South Highway 87, Winslow, AZ. Judy Gill 520-289-3383 or Lisa Long 520-289-3254.
- 29-10/1 Combined Driving/Heritage Festival, High Prairie Farms, Parker, CO. 303-841-5550, www.highprairiefarms.com/events.htm
- 30 HASNM Open Horse Show with Judge Ron Morris at Otero County Fairgrounds. 505-585-4488.
- 29-10/1 20/30 Equestrian Cup, NM State Fairgrounds, Abq. Chris Buttner 505-881-1130.

30-10/1 ITPA Competition, Nacogdoches, TX. 903-877-4675.

October

- Ongoing* Guided trail rides and pack trips in Manzano Mountain Wilderness, May thru October. A.D. Herrera 505-847-2575.
- 6-7 Colorado Horse Development Authority Horse Summit 2000, Lory Student Center, Colorado State University. Register online at www.chda.org or call 303-292-4981
- 6-8 High Prairie 3-Day Event, High Prairie Farms, Parker, CO. 303-841-5550, www.highprairiefarms.com/events.htm
- 7 Kenlyn Flat 15, 25, 50 Mile Endurance Ride in Aurara, CO. Linda Fisher 303-807-0062.
- 7 Front Range Trail Ride Social, a fun family day and drawing for winter blanket, Cottonwood Riding Club Polo Field & Chatfield Reservoir (Southwest Denver area). Reserve spot early and save. 720-890-7825 or email: mail@rmds.org.
- 7 WCCHA Cutting, Montrose, CO. Chad Lucas 970-533-9028.
- 7-8 Raian Kaiser Riding to Lightness Horsemanship Clinics, Good Horse Ranch, Loveland, CO. 970-203-0725 or 7acres@goodhorse.com.
- 13-15 Zamora Team Roping, NM State

Fairgrounds, Abq. Kenny Zamora 505-425-3850.

- 13-14 Clovis Livestock Auction, Inc. CLA Speedhorse Sale featuring the CLA Futurity Sales and Broodmare & Stallion Sessions. Consign now 505-762-4422.
- 14 HASNM Open Horse Show, Otero County Fairgrounds, Alamogordo, NM. 505-585-4488.
- 14 NMQHA Annual Ride 2000, Flying W Diamond Ranch, Capitan, NM. \$60 for riders and \$25 for non-riders. Jack McCormick 505-281-3725.
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Keep searching for that special mule – you will eventually find each other.

Finding a mule that suits your needs may prove frustrating at times. Besides looking to local newspapers, live-stock auctions, or dealers you may widen your search by checking with mule and donkey clubs, classifieds in mule magazines, mule shows, mule owners, and equine rescue groups.

Choose a mule that is suitable to perform in your area of interest. If you want a saddle mule to show in reining contests, don't buy an old pack mule. Retraining, if possible, will take more time and experience. Look for a mule that is bred for and trained in the discipline in which you will participate. When you find a prospect, ask why the mule is being sold – some owners will be quite frank. If the mule is labeled as a "problem" animal, you may find it has a habit that you can live with, or that you are confident in your ability to cure or control. Have the owner ride, drive, or load the mule with a pack saddle, and show you how well (or difficult) he handles. Test ride or drive the mule yourself as well. In the end, the mule will answer your questions as he reacts to your handling of him. Carefully weigh his personality, disposition and physical characteristics. Be realistic in evaluating your own abilities as well. If you are a beginner, look for a mule that is older and well trained. The price may be higher, but you will save yourself and the mule a lot of heartache. If you are very skilled and experienced you may find that training your own young mule or re-schooling a spoiled one, to be a challenging and rewarding adventure. Paperwork such as registration certificates, transfer applications or hauling cards should be in order before you pay.

It is very good advice to take an experienced mule handler with you and have a veterinarian examine the mule before the final purchase. In assessing your prospect physically, you can use the "packers rule-of-thumb" to estimate the mule's strength. A mule can carry 15% of his own body weight in "dead weight". Purchase a mule that is big and stout enough to carry you and your tack with complete ease. Also carefully judge his general build and conformation with an eye toward practical function and soundness rather than a "pretty face". Prolonged over-loading of mules causes physical breakdown and their useful lives are greatly shortened. Stressed donkeys, over-worked, over-loaded, and neglected in third-world countries seldom live to the age of eight. If well cared for, however, mules (like donkeys) are usually long-lived. A ten-year-old mule is really just getting "broke-in" and has many good years ahead of him. Mules can live useful lives into their late twenties or thirties. It is not terribly unusual to hear of a cherished mule or donkey that has reached the age of forty. If you are a beginner who just wants to trail ride, for example, a gentle, seasoned, fifteen year-old saddle mule is a worthwhile choice. Keep searching for that special mule – you will eventually find each other.

Sophia Saremba lives in Edgewood, NM, and is currently training her mule, Stanley, in dressage. She can be reached at Mulegal@aol.com.

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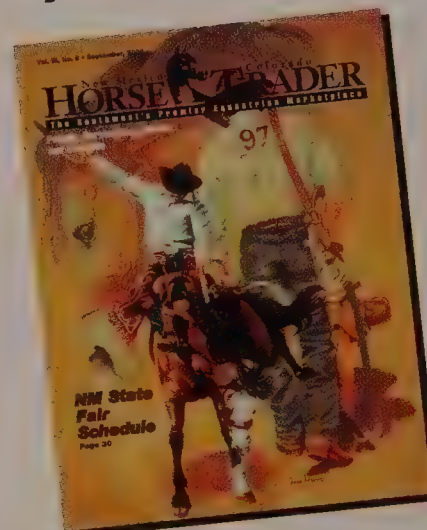
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Many equine groups and associations are affiliates of the AHSA, like the International Arabian Association, the United States Polo Association and the United States Team Ropers Association. This means that their members have the insurance purchasing power of a large group of equine enthusiasts behind them. "Liability and mortality insurance is predominantly underwritten," according to Diane Leshner, Executive Vice President of Equisure, Inc. "But professional liability, group health, personal accident, horse show and event liability, disability insurance, horse club liability, Director's and Officer's liability, as well as custom-designed group, Corporate or Association insurance is also available," added Leshner.

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I recently had my computer rebuilt with a Pentium processor, modem, sound card – the works – since it was probably time for me to join the 21st Century (even though as a historian I spend a lot of time in the 19th). So I was delighted to hear that Equisure had just had their new website

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developed. The site provides information about the company, the various insurance plans it offers, as well as a series of highly informative articles written about equine insurance that had originally been published in various trade journals.

Mortality insurance premiums range from 2.6% to 3.5% of the agreed equine value (between you and Equisure) and are avail-

able in a variety of coverages. Basically, these insurance policies are like life, disability and health insurance for your horse and are easily comprehended as necessary. What the various articles on the website highlight, however, is how important equine liability coverage is and how widespread the average horseperson's exposure to liability can be. Former Executive Vice President of

Equisure, Jay Ginnow, compares equine liability to vehicle liability in one of those articles.

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AHSA Member Benefits

Another article by Ginnow explained why your \$40.00 yearly membership in AHSA, which also includes \$100,000 worth of Member Automatic Equine Excess Liability, is money well spent. He cited this example, further stressing the need to acquire good horse insurance.

"...Two horses had escaped from their separate stalls and barns and ran onto an adjacent highway. A car carrying three men hit the horses and were killed. Both horses eventually died as well. The barn manager and instructor were quoted as saying that they had no idea how the horses escaped. The local investigating police official was quoted as saying that the person harboring or looking after the animals is liable..."

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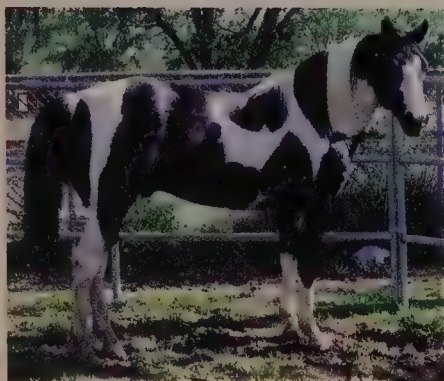
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 1:00 PM Junior Livestock Sale - Dairy Barn
 2:00 PM Sheep to Shawl - Hand spinning Yarn Demo at Dairy Barn
 4:00 PM New Mexico Lamb Jam - Ag Building (4PM-6PM)
 7:30 PM PRCA Rodeo and Mark Chesnutt - Tingley Coliseum

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

8:00 AM Quarter Horse Open & Youth Horse Show
 9:00 AM Open Rabbit Judging
 9:00 AM Angus Cattle Show
 9:00 AM Nigerian Dwarf Goat Show at Dairy Barn
 10:00 AM Dairy Classroom Demonstrations at the Dairy Barn
 10:00 AM Spin-In - Dairy Barn (10:00 AM to 4:00 PM)
 1:00 PM PRCA Rodeo and Montgomery Gentry- Tingley Coliseum
 2:00 PM Pygmy Goat Show at Dairy Barn
 7:00 PM Dairy Goat Milking Competition - Preliminary Milking
 7:30 PM PRCA Rodeo and David Clayton-Thomas and Blood Sweat & Tears- Tingley Coliseum

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

7:00 AM Dairy Goat Milking Competition - 1st

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 8:00 AM Quarter Horse Open-Youth Horse Show
 9:00 AM Hereford Cattle Show
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 7:00 PM Andrew Thomas - Indian Village
 7:00 PM Dairy Goat Milking Competition, 2nd Milking
 7:30 PM PRCA Rodeo with Mutton Busting and Waylon Jennings and the Waymore Blues Band - Tingley Coliseum

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

8:00 AM Palomino Horse Show
 8:00 AM Goat Show - Youth Showmanship - Followed by Youth Dairy Goat Show - Open
 9:00 AM American Gelbvieh Cattle Show
 9:00 AM Sheep Show - Dorsets, Hampshires, Southdowns, Suffolks - Followed by All Other Mutton Breeds
 10:00 AM Dairy Classroom Demonstrations at the Dairy Barn
 11:00 AM Sheep to Shawl - Spinning On Different Wheels - Dairy Barn

2:00 PM Sheep to Shawl - Weaving Demo - Dairy Barn

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

8:00 AM Paint Horse Show & Andalusians Horse Show
 8:00 AM Open Dairy Goat Show - Ring #1 Senior Doe Goat
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 8:00 AM Sheep Show - Columbias, Corriedales, Rambouillets - Followed by All Other Wool Breeds
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

8:00 AM Pinto Horse Show & Miniature Horse Show
 9:00 AM Long Horn Cattle Show
 10:00 AM Dairy Classroom Demonstrations at the Dairy Barn
 11:00 AM Sheep to Shawl - Knitting Demo at Dairy Barn
 1:00 PM Celebrity Goat Milking - Dairy Barn
 2:00 PM Sheep to Shawl - Spinning With Hand Spindles - Dairy Barn
 7:30 PM PRCA Rodeo and Yankee Grey - Tingley Coliseum

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

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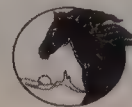
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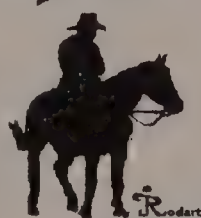
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 2:00 PM Sheep to Shawl - Weaving Demonstration - Dairy Barn
 7:30 PM PRCA Rodeo and Jo Dee Messina - Tingley Coliseum

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

8:00 AM Draft, Mules, Donkey & Open Driving Horse Shows
 8:00 AM Junior Dairy Cattle Showmanship Classes - Dairy Barn
 9:00 AM Open Poultry Judging
 9:00 AM Dairy Cattle Show - Open & Junior
 10:00 AM Dairy Classroom Demonstrations at the Dairy Barn
 11:00 AM Sheep to Shawl - Dyeing Demonstrations - Dairy Barn

2:00 PM Sheep to Shawl - Spinning Different Wool Fleeces - Demo. Dairy Barn
 4:00 PM New Mexico Dairy Days-Ag. Bldg. Courtyard (4PM-6PM)
 7:00 PM Draft Pull - Horse Arena
 7:30 PM PRCA Rodeo with Mutton Busting and Toby Keith - Tingley Coliseum

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd

8:00 AM Arabian, Saddlebred Horse Shows
 9:00 AM Dairy Cattle Show - Open & Junior.
 9:00 AM Open Poultry Judging
 9:00 AM Santa Gertrudis Cattle Show
 9:00 AM Colored Sheep Show
 9:00 AM Llamas and Alpacas Show - Livestock Pavilion
 9:00 AM Queens' Second Riding Competition - Tingley Coliseum
 10:00 AM Dairy Classroom Demonstrations at the Dairy Barn
 10:00 AM Sheep to Shawl - Knitting Group Demonstrations at the Dairy Barn (10:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

1:00 PM Sheep to Shawl - Colored Fleece Auction & Spin In - Dairy Barn
 7:30 PM 2000 Queen Crowning - during rodeo
 7:30 PM PRCA Rodeo and Brad Paisley - Tingley Coliseum

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

7:00 AM Arabian, Saddlebred Horse Shows
 9:00 AM Llamas and Alpacas Show - Dairy Barn
 1:00 PM Rooster Crowing Contest - Poultry Building
 2:00 PM BULLRIDING - Tingley Coliseum

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New Ideas: Trends in the Equine World

As anyone who has been in the equine world for more than ten minutes can readily tell you, the world of equines is nothing if not trendy. Fashions in tack, clothing, magazines – even the equines themselves – ebb and swell with every season. Although many of the trends simply reflect the most successful competitor at that particular time, some trends seem to evolve mysteriously, like the Pet Rock fad.

Because this series is intended to focus on new ideas, I'll forego any discussions like "peanut rolling" by western pleasure horses or if brown hunt coats are really back this season, because some of the new trends in the equine world will have a serious impact on everyone – beginner and expert.

Probably the one with the most potential for widespread impact are the abuse/cruelty/slaughter issues. The most vocal opponents are various animal rights groups, which have done a substantial job of focusing the public on these issues, to the extent that new legislation is being contemplated in many venues.

Animal Rights

Activists recently petitioned San Francisco's Animal and Welfare Control Commission to ban all rodeo events. Even though the nearest rodeo held was in South San Francisco (another city entirely), at the Cow Palace, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Assn. (PRCA) took the situation seriously. What has chilling implications, however, is that despite the PRCA's professional and well-funded rebuttal to the abuse charges, what swayed the politicians was ultimately race: Because a rodeo was scheduled in June, during the black celebration known as Juneteenth, organizers cried discrimination. Citing the need to preserve "the black cul-

tural heritage that the rodeo represented," the legislation was defeated. Last September, the city of Woodstock, Illinois passed an animal-control ordinance banning both rodeo and circus. Because Illinois already has some of the toughest cruelty laws in the nation, many horse people fear the legislation will attempt to erode horsemen's rights and eventually eliminate all riding entirely.

Since then, an organization called Friend of Rodeo (FoR) has been established to protect and promote the sport of rodeo and rodeo-related events (see *Horse Trader* September 2000).

Changing Images

Safety - Society is becoming increasingly urban and even the remotest ranch can use cutting-edge technology. This means that kids today are growing up in an entirely different world than we did. Information is absorbed from sources on the internet by kids who are being raised by parents with intense safety-concerns and the skills to successfully litigate.

Reflecting those safety concerns, the American Horse Show Association (AHSA) passed a rule at their December convention requiring all juniors showing over fences to wear ASTM/SEI-certified helmets after December 1, 2001. The rule is intended to address the growing trend of government intervention in riding: New York state passed a law requiring all riders under the age of 14 to wear certified helmets, while the Canadian Equestrian Federation's recent recommendation that all riders, regardless of discipline, wear certified helmets is widely expected to become mandatory soon!

Riders and Equines - Aging baby-boomers are flooding the equine world, bringing sophisticated requirements and plenty of disposable income with them.

Changes in tack to accommodate older riders, like stirrup extenders, as well as an increasing interest in smooth-gaited breeds, reflect this trend. Older horses are no longer just pastured out (or rendered down), as a wealth of pharmaceuticals, herbs and formulated feeds help keep that trusty old steed going.

Land Use - New Mexico is still a state with a lot of open space, but even here finding places to ride is becoming increasingly difficult. Albuquerque residents have an on-going debate over ditch trails and reservation access, while Santa Fe is finding their pricey real-estate simply too valuable for equines any more. Colorado is facing increasing urbanization, as well as legislation and governmental impact.

Use of Trails - Use of equines on public lands is facing many changes as well. Some National Parks and Forests have banned equines entirely, while others have severely limited their use. There are rumors of a frightening piece of legislation in the making – a model that suggests wilderness areas return to a "pre-Columbus pattern" of use. When you consider that equines are all post-Columbus, the problem with that definition is pretty obvious. Trails are also increasingly being utilized by mountain bikers and hikers who simply are not "equine smart," requiring more tact and riding skills on our part. Although livestock has the clearly designated right of way on public lands, it is often safer and wiser to yield to others. A smiling rider waiting on a well-mannered equine can go a long way towards promoting positive equine awareness!

Positive Impact - The equine world has also gained from all this exposure to legislation. Equine liability laws have been passed in over 40 states and the

equine industry is learning how to promote itself better with the result of some beneficial tax changes and increased funding for animal health research.

We're all in this together

First of all everyone involved in the equine world has to realize what these trends mean to them. Remember that song line, "you can't see a cowboy from the road?" Just because you can't see them doesn't mean they don't exist. That same logic applies to animal rights activists and legislative agendas. You may think that if you just work with your own animals on your own land these trends won't affect you. Think again.

Practice good animal husbandry. Keep your facilities clean, safe and tidy. Abide by the livestock rules of your area and practice good veterinary management. Vaccinate, worm, maintain those hooves and throw a brush on that coat once in a while. Be a good neighbor. Learn to network (that's just a fancy word for "keeping in touch.") Rural folks have been doing that at feed stores and small-town cafes for years. Try expanding your "network" to include folks you might have overlooked in the past: encroaching cityfolks or newcomers to the area. They may not have any interest in livestock but this is your chance to increase their knowledge of rural issues, create a new ally for the equine world, and make yourself a new friend! **HT**

Next month: Medicine and Breeding

Maureen has been a professional trainer and instructor since 1974, utilizing classical dressage applied to western events, hunters, jumpers, saddleseat, driving and sidesaddle. Maureen and husband Neil currently train mules and donkeys for the same events at their Diamond H Ranch (505-847-0006) Mountainair, New Mexico.

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Tesquesquite Ranch Selected for the 2000 Best Remuda Award

The New Mexico Quarter Horse Association and the New Mexico Cattle Growers have selected the Tesquesquite Ranch for the 2000 Best Remuda Award and have nominated this historic ranch for the AQHA National Best Remuda Award.

The Tequesquite is a fourth generation family owned ranch founded in Northeastern New Mexico in 1896 by T.E. Mitchell. Albert K. Mitchell served as president of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association and was a four-time president of the American Quarter Horse Association. He was one of the main reasons that the American Quarter Horse Association resides in Amarillo today.

The ranch runs a broodmare band of about 25-30 that is used to produce registered American

Quarter Horses for use on the operation as well as to sell to the public. The mares are pasture bred from April 15 to August 1. The ranch currently owns four stallions. This year three of them were used in the breeding program. The other stallion is in training for the NRHA Reining Futurity.

The mares foal in the pasture and the colts are left with the mares until they are weaned in November. After the colts are weaned, they are halter broke and turned out with the ranch geldings where they live until they are sold or broke to ride. All fillies that go into the broodmare band are started as two-year-olds to be sure they have good minds. They are then bred as three-year-olds.

Geldings are selected and broke as two-year-olds. The ranch sends the geldings off to be started for the first thirty days, and then they are finished on the

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Ranch horses are marketed as soon as they are weaned. The ranch participates in a few select auctions in the state but prefers to sell all horses private treaty as yearlings or two-year-olds. Occasionally a few aged geldings are sold.

The horses are promoted to the New Mexico Quarter Horse Breeders Futurity, in 4-H shows, and in AQHA shows. This year one of the horses will be competing in the NRHA Reining Futurity in Oklahoma City. Other horses are in training for the NMQHA Futurity.

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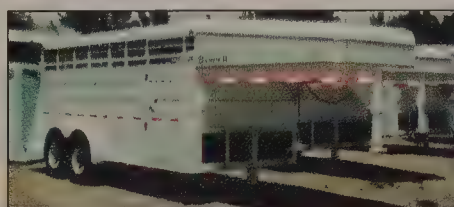
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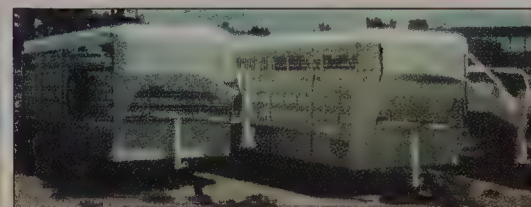
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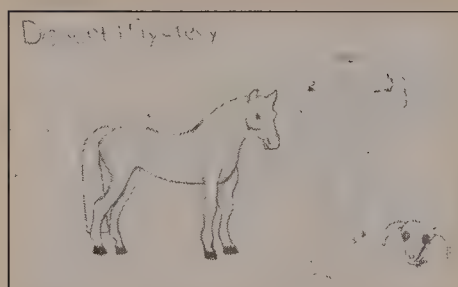
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Caroline's Art Contest!



Winner - Age 4-7

Anne Meyer-Miner, 7, Placitas, NM
"This is my donkey Sligo. He is brownish blackish. This picture has Sligo between two trees."



Erica Greenwall, 13, Parachute, CO
"I was just bored one night and decided to draw my Breyer model horse filly. I have three horses and enjoy them very much in gymkhana and rodeo."



Alex Consalvos, 9
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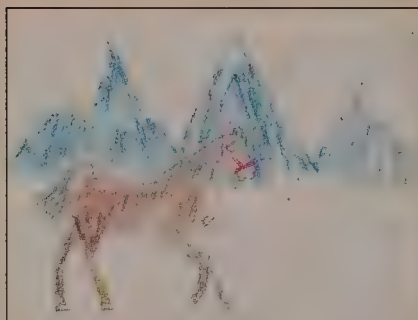


Kaitlin Brunson, 10
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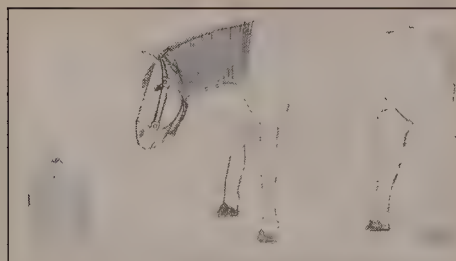


Winner - Age 8-11

Alaric Bender, 10, Edgewood, NM



Megan Mora, 9
"I started to draw horses when I was 2."



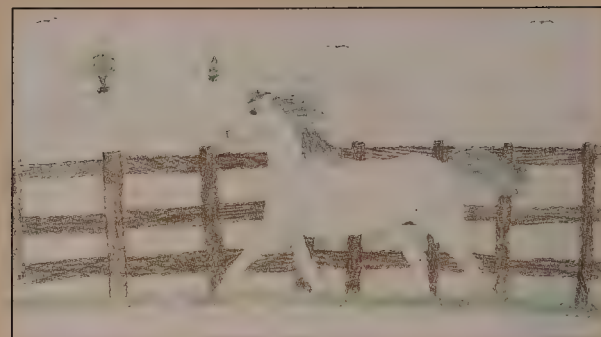
Libby Sudyka, 13, Erie, CO
"This is my horse Chuck. He's 29 and not really showing his age yet! He loves apples."



Shea Bender, 9, Edgewood, NM
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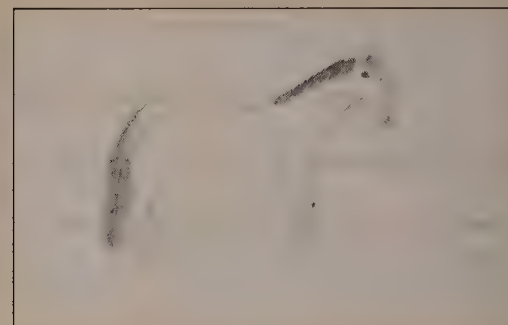
Faith Hagan, 10
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"I have a pony named Ladybug and I really like horses."



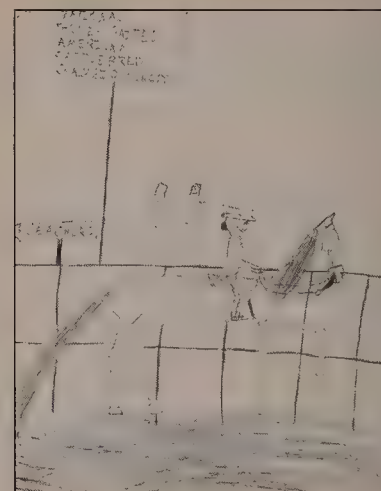
Winner - Age 12 and up

Melissa Meyer, 13, High Rolls, NM

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Sarah Haley, 12, Socorro, NM
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Gina MacFarlane, 12
Albuquerque, NM
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Thanks to all the kids who entered! We have an overall winner in each age group (4-7), (8-11), and (12 and up), who will all receive a one year subscription to the Horse Trader. Because all of the drawings are great, we will try each month to print as many entries as possible from each category. Remember to use markers – they reproduce the best – and include your name, age and address.

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Horses captured in 1997 with distinctive Spanish Colonial characteristics have now been bloodtyped by the University of Kentucky to have various amounts of "Spanish Markers". Rancho De Abiquiu Andalusians, in partnership with Monero Mustang Ranch, are breeding these historical treasures, known now as a "Heritage Herd", and offering a few for sale to the public. In 1998 they started the Northern New Mexico Spanish Colonial Horse Registry to further protect the heritage of the last of Northern New Mexico's Spanish strains that very well could trace back 400 years to Onate's 800 plus horses that were brought from Andalusia, as well as other regions of Spain, Portugal and Mexico.

Recently, Rancho de Abiquiu Andalusians and High Country Horses with Monero Mustang Ranch, have been invited to bring Northern New Mexico Spanish Colonial Horses to be Ambassadors at the Festival of the Iberian Horse during the EQU-WEST 2000 in San Diego, California, November 19 and 20. Over 40,000 people will be admiring the Northern New Mexico Spanish Colonial Horse. For more information as to how we can help preserve these wild treasures, call 505-685-4369 or write to the Northern New Mexico Spanish Colonial Horse Registry, c/o Anastasia Savage, President, P.O. Box 156, Abiquiu, NM 87510.

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Walter Spills the Oats is both a recapitulation of some of Walter's dreams, interviews and adventures told in Don Blazer's nationally-syndicated column, *A Horse, Of Course*, and some new observations about how and what horse's think. For example, Walter explains, from a horse's point of view, what riders and trainers ought to be doing "for" horses instead of "to" horses. Fans frequently get to read Walter's comments in Blazer's column which is posted by State Line Tack for the enjoyment of customers.

Walter is scheduled to appear at a number of State Line Tack stores to autograph copies of his book. (Actually, Walter has a signature stamp. He tends to get pretty messy with a fountain pen.)

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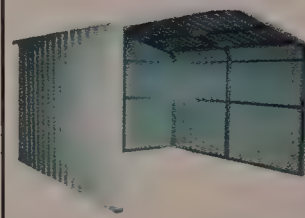
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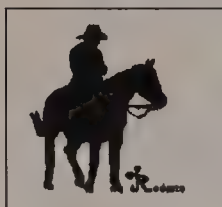
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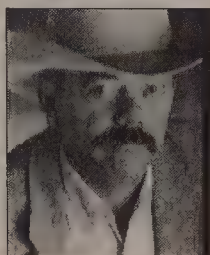
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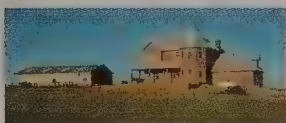
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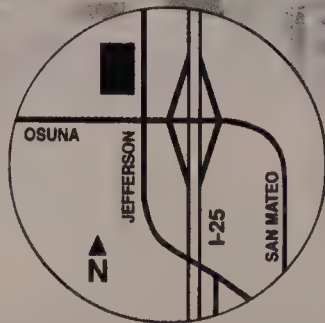


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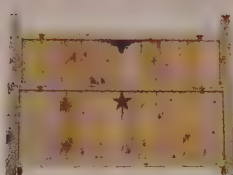
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Snow

I love it when it is falling but wish it would go away now. It is too slippery to do anything but a very light workout. And talk about a sloppy road. Two-wheel drive will not make it now, and probably won't for the next week. That part I really don't mind though-it keeps the sightseers away.

Western Stock Show

This issue as well as the previous issue will be distributed at the Stock Show in Denver. I will be there for several days to watch the action and make sure our magazines are distributed.

Feedback

We want yours. To date the response to the *Horse Trader* has been overwhelmingly positive. If there is anything that we are doing that you don't like, or something we are doing that you want more of, or if we are not covering something you would like, let us know. We aim to please.

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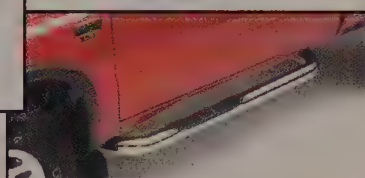


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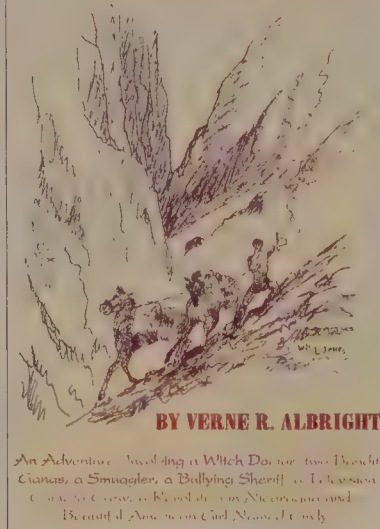
For Verne Albright, his famous ride from Peru to California was a personal adventure, but to many it was the event that introduced the Peruvian Paso to North America. Thirty-three years afterwards, this incredible story is the subject of a just-released book, *"The Long Way to Los Gatos"*.

Peru's newspapers had said a great deal about my proposed ride from Peru to California, mainly because I intended to use their country's National Horse. On the day the ride began, the entire town of Chiclayo turned out to see me off. There was a parade in my honor. The mayor gave me a letter for his counterpart in Los Gatos, California, my destination; and the Catholic Bishop blessed my enterprise. A representative of the National Paso Horse Association even flew in from Lima to present me with a scroll officializing the event.

Once I was on my way, people stopped their cars to talk whenever I was near the Panamerican Highway. Soft drink trucks pulled over, the drivers insisting I take free refreshments. One newspaper photographer showed up in the desert on a bicycle, and reporters waited at the entrance to most towns. Every evening, people competed for the honor of hosting my horses and me. It was heady stuff, and it made the proposed intercontinental ride seem like a lark. Before long, however, the hard going was wearing horse shoes in half every two weeks, and I found myself tying plants into my horses' manes to ward off bloodsucking vampire bats. Precious water for my thirsty mounts sometimes had to be bought by the glassful, and anthrax was once reported within a few miles of where we'd spent the night.

During the trek, I rode to heights that exceed the highest in the United States, and I once descended to 113 feet below sea

THE LONG WAY TO LOS GATOS



level. In the good times, I had hosts such as the richest man in Peru. When things turned bad, I slept in tool sheds, chicken coops, feed troughs and empty jail cells. At times I was reduced to eating anything from goat jaw to guinea pig. My horses dined on whatever I could find, including bananas, coconut, sugar cane, flour and corn stalks.

Along the way, I met smugglers, a famous bullfighter, a witch doctor, a camera crew from ABC's Wide World of Sports, a bullying small town sheriff, a snake hunter and a beautiful American girl named Emily. Not long before I met "the last of the true gentlemen," I ran into some men who were anything but. A gang of bandits suddenly appeared behind me in a remote Andean village, at the end of a long, hard day. It was a moment of very real danger, as shown by the following edited excerpt from my book, *"The Long Way to Los Gatos"*:

Later that afternoon, while passing through a small town, I sensed that I was being followed. People frequently followed me, hoping to start a conversation. Most of the time, they were polite enough to require some sort of acknowledgement before approaching, and when denied this, they'd give up and go away.

But this time was different.

The man behind me didn't go away. Instead, he was joined by a companion and then another and another, until there were six, in dirty suits and various stages of inebriation. I comforted myself by observing that the mules they rode were small and scrawny. Meanwhile, I moved my horses into a faster walk and kept my eyes peeled — in vain — for an army post or police station.

At the city limits, I wondered about the wisdom of continuing into the unpopulated area ahead, but what else could I do? Stopping would make things even worse, and turning back to town also had a downside. The group behind me had grown from one to six in that very town, and given the chance, it might grow even larger.

A little ways from town, the leader put his mule into a fast trot and came up alongside me. Making an obvious attempt to sound authoritative, he announced that he was "the law" in the town I had just left.

"It will be necessary for you to show me your passport and the contents of your bags," he demanded.

"Do you have anything to show your authority?" I asked, turning to look his way without slowing my horses.

"I'm not making requests! I'm giving orders!" was the stern reply.

"How do I know you have the right to give orders?"

"Señor, you must stop your horses at once!"

"As soon as I see proof of your authority."

We were temporarily at a stalemate, and neither spoke for a moment. Obviously the "law" wouldn't or couldn't prove his authority. Considering the size of his "deputies" and the dubious speed of their mules, I wasn't about to be talked down off my horse. My resolve was all the stronger because I had the impression that the men behind us would abandon their mission, unless it proved effortless.

The man at my side, however, was the kind who sees things through! He repeatedly ordered me to stop and dismount. I kept the mares a few steps ahead of his mule and double-talked him, hoping he'd tire of the game and go home.

Unfortunately, he didn't.

Instead, he suddenly turned his mule and jumped her between my horses, grabbing Ima's lead rope. I was holding the free end, not wishing to risk more broken parts by tying it to my saddle. I stopped Hamaca and turned her to face him. One last time — half-hoping that he would produce a convincing badge — I repeated that no one would see my passport or baggage without proof of authority. Again we were at a stalemate, but my situation had worsened. I was no longer moving, and the other five men were getting in position to surround me.

Obviously I survived my run-in with the bandits, and before I made it to Los Gatos I lived through numerous other adventures. However, I didn't survive unchanged. My ride lasted only as long as a single school year, but I learned more than I'd ever learned in a like period.

Along the way, some people were far from hospitable, but most were so kind that I couldn't believe it. I'd always been too proud to ask for people's help, but there were times when I had little choice. By the time I got home, my opinion of my fellow man had changed completely; and so had my life.

Of the many paths my life could have taken, the right one for me began when I had the crazy urge to take the long way to Los Gatos.

To learn more about Peruvian horses, visit the American Association of Owners and Breeders of Peruvian Paso Horses at www.aaobpph.org

For more information about Verne Albright's book, *"The Long Way to Los Gatos"*, visit: www.peruvian-pasos.com/valbright_lwlg.html.

Learning on a Really Tight Budget

As you have already found out, having an equine is like having a baby – they are so much more expensive than you thought! Last month's installment might have gotten you all geared up to get out and get educated, but your budget might not agree. Don't worry, this month is going to explore lots of creative ways that you can increase your knowledge base with a minimum outlay of cash.

Books and More Books

Well, you know I'm a writer so it shouldn't be too surprising that I'm also an avid reader, and like most avid readers on a budget, I have developed all kinds of creative book-gathering skills. The most obvious choice, of course, is the public library.

Everybody knows about the library but most folks don't know how to maximize its wonders. First, make the reference librarian your friend (which is a lot easier in these days of "user-friendly" libraries – I could tell you horror stories about the book-hoarding old biddies who ran the public library in the town I grew up in).

Today's library has an immense wealth of information resources. If you don't have access to a computer, you can usually get on-line at the library for free. Plus you'll have the help of a librarian to get onto likely sites for the information you want. Today, the internet has so much information, you will probably want to utilize one or more of the search engines available, like Yahoo or Alta Vista (search engines do just that – search for information on the web).

There is one serious downside to remember when using the internet for gathering information, and that is that you can't always be certain of the source for the



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Being a good student means paying close attention.

information. With printed material, you can check the author's credentials, his sources and editor as well as the medium he is published in. Publishers of books and periodicals try to maintain a high level of contributors and will seek experts in their field. The internet, however, is unlike any information source in history. Rather than discouraging anonymity, the web thrives on it. And because many sites do not verify pseudonyms and nicknames, you can't be sure exactly who is providing the information.

I subject any information I get via the web to some stringent guidelines (see side bar).

The librarian can also get inter-library loans from a wide-range of sources (like universities, state and national libraries as well as foreign sources) in many mediums (books, periodicals, tapes, videos, audios, etc.) If you find something you'd like to see, ask! I've gotten an amazing array of documents inter-librariated over the years – remember all that information is just waiting for someone to request it!

Says who? Learning to verify facts.

Subject any information you receive to the following standards:

Who? *is the author an expert in the field? your question may not require a Olympic champion to provide an answer, but the author should be a legitimate and verifiable source.*

What? *make sure the subject is exactly what your are looking for (for example – although the goals are similar, eventing and competitive dressage are somewhat different and you want an expert that knows this)*

Where? *if the author is unknown (common on the Internet), is the source location legitimate? Many national associations maintain "links" to solid databases. Many world-class trainers have websites with links to other experts and even many "horsey" merchants have links on their catalog home page. These businesses rely on a solid reputation and should screen their connections carefully.*

Play it again, Sam!

Virtually every expert in every field now produces videos, and as equestrians you now have an incredible number of experts to audit. And I say "audit" because if you aren't selective in the information you assimilate you will become overwhelmed.

To begin this process, rent a couple of videos in areas of most interest to you. Then just watch them, paying close attention and comparing not only the audio, but the visuals, including the background. Try to determine if you are following along and if the information relates to what you are seeking.

If so, re-watch it again and hit the slow-motion and still buttons as much as you want. Don't buy a tape unless you really, really feel you absolutely need to own it (remember you're on a budget).

Renting clinicians' videos is one way to determine if you like their information and presentation. If you find someone who really suits you, you might consider auditing one of their clinics. Auditing is considerably less expensive and ideal for a first clinic experience. Don't pay to ride in one until you are really ready and can maximize the experience. Try striking up a conversation with someone who is participating in the clinic – you'll "know" someone who is riding and can ask them their feelings regarding the experience later.

You can use the same type of skills with lessons. Group lessons are ideal when you are starting out on a new skill level, because you will have friends to interact with, plus group lessons are cheaper. Stay at the barn and watch some other lessons (even beginner's lessons can be utilized by a skilled student). Practice your listening skills and develop

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your "judge's eye" as you observe the riders and horses.

You can take those same skills to horse shows. Watch a class intently, imagining you are the judge and observe as much detail as possible. Place your riders and see how you compare with the actual placings (but remember that judging is subjective so don't fret if you don't agree). One of the very best places to develop your learning skills, and get lots of free information at the same time, is in the warm-up pen. You can watch world-class experts schooling, listen to renowned instructors providing last-minute polish to their students, and observe the latest trends in clothing, tack and style. And one really big bonus is that you will gain confidence as you realize that experts make mistakes, seasoned competitors get butterflies, and champion equines can misbehave!

If there is one thing I hope you get out of this article, it is that knowledge does not have to be expensive. There are thousands of opportunities to acquire information on a budget — just develop your ability to glean the

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information you want and discard the rest and have fun! **Next month:** *Getting there: trucks, trailers and loading*

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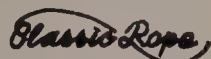
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Correcting Unsteadiness In Your Horse's Head

Many riders struggle to achieve a steady head carriage, yet fall short of their goal. Several factors contribute to this unsteadiness, some relating to equipment and some relating to the rider. By examining tack and riding technique, any rider can achieve a steady head carriage. Before attempting to solve the problem, one must take the horse's health into consideration as well. Back and foot problems as well as mouth sores or new teeth can affect the way a horse carries his head. If your horse seems to show signs of discomfort, it may be a good idea to consult a veterinarian or dentist before trying to combat the problem.

Bit of Advice

The most common bit used in schooling is some form of snaffle. Several variations of the snaffle exist and boast a certain benefit. For example, thicker bits are more mild than thin bits because the pressure is distributed over a greater area. Bits with a "bubble" or double joint claim to rest more comfortably in the horse's mouth. Marketing strategy would have customers believe that the best bit must be a thick, double jointed bit, but this is not the solution for every horse. While a bubble or double joint does eliminate the nutcracker action of the conven-

tional snaffle, potential shoppers should examine how the joint is positioned, as the bubble can poke the tongue if it isn't properly placed in the center of the bit. Weld joints must also be examined to ensure that there are no sharp edges.

If your horse's head is chronically unsteady despite your gentle hands, your bit may be the culprit. Schooling a low level horse in a curb bit can cause unsteadiness because the horse usually tries to avoid contact. If control is an issue, a thin snaffle may be a better solution. Horses must be confident that reaching into the contact will not hurt.

Rider's Position

In order to achieve steady head carriage, a rider's hands and arms must be still. Pumping arms, stiff forearms, inflexible wrists, pulling, and hanging all contribute to the problem. Horses need a place to rest comfortably in your hands, but if the position of your hands and arms constantly changes, the horse cannot find this place.

Your contact with the horse must be elastic. If you pull or hang on his mouth, he will be unsteady and soon learn to pull back or lean on you. This is a battle you can't win! If your horse pulls or leans, a good way to stop

this is to lengthen your reins. He will eventually have to carry himself as the reins get longer. You may have to go to the buckle before your horse picks his head up. This won't effect his ability to go long and low later on, but it will teach the horse that you aren't going to hold his head up.

Another exercise to ease a puller/hanger is to "push back". This technique was passed on to me by a judge and has yielded great results. First, you need to have a friend hold her hands up in front of you. Close your hands like you were holding reins and set your arms into riding position. Push your hand against your friend's hands. Ask her to resist and push back. Learn the feel of pushing back and each time your horse leans on the reins, push back. Do this with one rein at a time, preferably the inside. Be careful not to throw your hands forward, as the horse may stumble. Some horses pull on one rein only. The easiest way to correct this problem is to use the leg on the same side as the pulling to push the horse onto the other rein. If this doesn't balance the horse out, try to give the rein in rhythm of the gait.

Behind the Vertical

Horses who come behind the vertical to avoid the contact can be harder to correct than those

who throw their heads up. Sometimes, you can bring the head back onto the vertical by closing your legs on the horse and sending him forward into your hands. If he doesn't respond to your legs, another helpful tool is the upward half-halt. This is done by bringing the wrist up so that the thumb comes towards you. The best way to counter a horse who ducks behind the vertical is to prevent the habit. If you notice that your horse seems to be going behind the vertical more and more often, stop whatever you are doing and go on the buckle. Avoid shortening your reins to regain the contact. This will only make the problem worse.

Struggling with an unsteady head can be very frustrating. Don't let it prevent you from moving through the levels. **HT**

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Mule Power

Today, at Goldfield Ghost Town near Apache Junction, AZ, round and round Jacque la Mule trudges to the accompanying

creak of a frame supporting a drill, boring the depths in a make-believe quest for water. Bearded and bedraggled, Mr. Teton and Tuffy, his dog, both from Texas, play for a tourist coin as he responds tails of the only mule powered working water drill on the continent, while his mule sniffs for another handful of feed. S.H. Powers invented the rig in 1890, building about 500, ensuring himself a small fortune and dizzy existence for burro and mule alike.

Larry the Llama

Some horses walk by my llama casting a casual glance, while others pop their ears forward and snort in an effort to detect the smell. Having had a wash in the not too distant past, I can only assume it is Larry who pongs, as he snuggles up to my

horse with an indignant air. Indeed, he is a most strange animal, as his eyes stare level into mine while I consider if I can practice bulldogging him.

Sand Colic

In one of those blinding inventions, I, such as Peter Lore contemplating committing a crime, did commit and solve a problem. Under cover of moonlit night, the shadow of my knife fell upon a discarded piece of carpet outside a shop. With haste, my 8x8 foot selection was thrown on my truck, soon to reside under my critters feed tub. Now the scattered semblances of a succulent feast will lie safe for trusting lips.

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- 21 BFRA Jr. Rodeo Series 9:00 a.m., Bosque Farms Rodeo Arena. 505-869-2096

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- 11 NM Buckskin Assn. Shaggy Training Show. 9:00 a.m. at Bosque Farms Arena. Info. 505-869-2151 or 505-869-9198.
- 17 Ridge Riders 4-H Club Cold Weather Barrel Racing Series, Garfield Cty. Fairgrounds, Rifle, CO. Entries open 9 a.m., Time Onlies 10 a.m., Races start at 11 a.m. Everyone welcome. For info and stall reservations call K.C. Binger 970-625-3940 or Denneane Conn 970-625-2862

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- 9:00 Expo Opens
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Mesa Technical College - Show Arena
- 10:30 Equine Behavior Modification Demonstration
Dr. James McCall - Round Pen
- 11:00 Beef Seminar - Armory, Cacahuete Room
- 11:00- Chuck Wagon Lunch
- 2:00 Portales Rotary Club - Sheep Barn
- 11:30 Antique Tractor Parade - Midway
- 1:00 Using Ultrasound in Your Operation
Tom and Johnna Bruhn - Show Arena
- 2:00 Horse Training
Dr. James McCall - Round Pen
- 3:00 Horseshoeing Demonstration
Mesa Technical College - Show Arena
- 5:00 Expo Closes
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- 10:00 Mega Trends Affecting US Agriculture
Dr. Rhonda Skaggs, NMSU Ag. Economics - Armory, Cacahuete Room
- 11:00 Producing Replacement Dairy Heifers
Dr. Michael Looper, NMSU Dairy Specialist - Armory, Yucca Room
- 11:30 Antique Tractor Parade - Midway
- 1:00 Comprehensive Nutrient Management
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FOCUS ON M U L E S

by Sophia Saremba

Leap Frog



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Training your mule to work alone and with others will make him a pleasure to ride.

In last month's column we looked at how you can begin to train your mule to accept having his friends leave him behind while he waits patiently and calmly. You may have thought that this training was unnecessary, especially if you can leave your mule in a sturdy corral. But this initial training lays a foundation for future lessons and you will find it has many benefits.

You will need to repeat the same lessons as described in last month's issue, only this time –

under saddle. Again, start with small demands. Tie up your mule, groom him, and then saddle up. Walk your mule over to a pre-designated spot and mount up. Now, stand in this area while his herd-mate is taken away by your helper. If your mule paws the ground, speak to him kindly while you wait. If he tries to follow, ask him to halt or circle him around to keep him in the "waiting area". Ask your mule to accept his friend's absence only briefly. Tell him what a good boy he is when his mate returns. You can work on this exercise for several weeks and extend the time that the herd-mate is gone gradually. With my own mule, I eventually had him wait under-saddle like this for an hour, while his stable-mate was loaded in a trailer and taken away.

Once your mule does well in all these exercises – leaving his friends behind and waiting for his friends to return – you can begin to build on these lessons in the "real world". The next step is a training procedure that my husband calls "leap frog". You will need your helper again (who should be a competent rider) mounted on your mule's herd-mate, while you ride your mule. While you are out on a trail ride, stop your mule and instruct your helper to ride ahead (walk) a short distance to a designated spot, then stop within sight of each other. Once your helper is stopped and waiting, ask your mule to walk (not run) up to his friend! When you are both together, praise your mule. Now it is your turn to ride up ahead (still within sight) and wait for your helper to catch up. Eventually, as your mule becomes more confident and accustomed to this, you can increase the distances and even get out of sight of each other. Be sure your mule is quite ready for new challenges. You can add variety to the lesson by passing your helper once you have caught up. Don't go too far past at first. Stop and then let your helper catch up to you again. This exercise works best if the herd-mate is calm and well schooled. Training two fractious, herd-bound equines at the same time is a task for only the most experienced.

Another variation is to wait at a designated area while your helper rides off and then returns. Later your helper can ride out of sight, behind trees for example. This can be especially helpful if your mule is too anxious to catch up when his friend gets ahead. Take turns doing this exercise. Keep all these lessons at a walk until both your mule and his friend behave flawlessly. Later you can add a little trotting. An equine who is a "school master" will remain perfectly still and calm while his friend canters past him during "leap frog".

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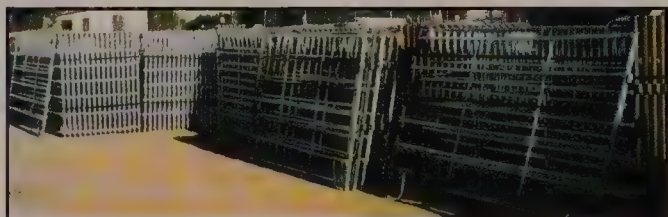
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The tolt is a four-beat, with the footfall sequence the same as the walk, for example right rear, right fore, left rear, left fore. The Icelandic can escalate the swiftness of the gait to great speed.

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As their numbers continue to grow in the U.S., I hope prosperity and affluence aren't too much for them.

If you want to know more about Icelandic ponies contact the Icelandic Horse Adventure Society, 795 Entrance Rd., Solvang, CA 93463, or the Icelandic Horse Trekkers, P.O. Box 414937, Kansas City, MO 64141, or the U.S. Icelandic Horse Congress, 38 Park St., Montclair, NJ 07042.

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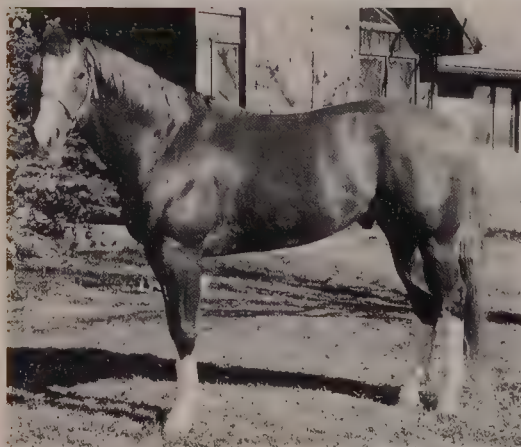
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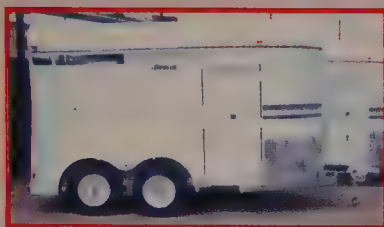
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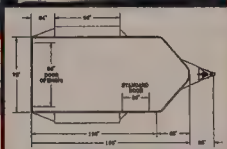


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Equine Whispering 101: Training for the Rest of Us

But that "Whisperer" uses magic! There are currently a lot of "hot" concepts – like whispering, bio-feedback and visualization – that are popular with trainers and seem to yield spectacular, almost magical, results. Everywhere clinicians, videos and books proclaim some absolutely-new equine training revelation. But many of those concepts aren't really new – the 19th Century had legions of famous "whisperers" whose remarkable affinity with equines impressed kings and sultans. Clever Hans, the Counting Horse, achieved the kind of fame in 19th Century America that we associate with rock stars and movie idols today!

Hans is a great example of how the majority of skills those uncanny trainers display are in reality a reflection of the wisdom of experience and a deep understanding of equine nature. His trainer recognized that Hans was a very observant animal, capable of discerning the most unobtrusive of cues. It wasn't until a panel of academic experts tried testing Hans' "magic for arithmetic" that the trainer's subtle cues were revealed. It wasn't magic, but experience, comprehension and utilization of equine/human nature and interaction.

So you really think I can do it?

Yes, within realistic parameters. Professional trainers have a lifetime of skills often augmented by incredible physical abilities. They can and should produce remarkable results. But you can produce credible results as well, and you can start by following some of the basic guidelines outlined below.

Set a Goal First

Choose a goal that is reasonable and within both of your



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capacities. Let's imagine we have a young colt to train or a neophyte rider on a seasoned campaigner. Our goal is going to be sensible and practical: going completely around the arena maintaining a consistent gait. With a skilled rider on a seasoned equine that would be a snooze. But for a young colt or a new rider, those long walls seem without end and that equine is starting to cut the corners, break gait, even stop.

One Step at a Time

Break down your goal into segments. First, make sure you both clearly understand all cues and have the ability to maintain the gait for a certain distance. The horse should listen to the leg as you ask him to bend into the corner (inside leg at cinch/girth, outside leg behind and don't collapse the inside hip). And be fair – the corner has to be moderate in terms of gait – he can't (and shouldn't) be expected to perform an extremely deep and engaged corner. The new rider doesn't have the skills and the young colt doesn't have the muscles yet. The corner only needs to be as deep as it is comfortable.

Oops, he broke!

Take a moment to visualize exactly what you want him to do. If he is a colt, make absolutely certain that all your cues, weight distribution, and balance is perfect and that you ask the same way every time (repetition). If you are the new rider, review your aids step-by-step, concentrating on your balance, eyes and rhythm. See how much a "simple little exercise" really requires?

Remember that all those clinicians have spent years working on their skills. If at first you don't succeed (and you probably won't), try it again. Better? Thought so, since you are narrowing your focus and your equine is getting with the program. Now try it in the other direction. See any difference?

It's a right/left brain kind of thing

Just like people, animals have dominant sides. If you observe an equine carefully while they are running at liberty, you will notice that the tail is usually carried to one side, regardless of direction of travel. That is the dominant side, the side he feels

most balanced on. One of the wonderful legacies that both dressage and gymnastics bestow upon equines and people is a relative ambidextrousness. Of course, it takes a long time to develop the kind of skills that permits a backwards somersault on a four-inch balance beam or a canter pirouette in place, but that doesn't mean you can't start developing a feel for balance right now.

I'm a righty and he's a lefty!

Great, you have the perfect combination. Our dominant side reveals itself because we feel better going that way, which, on the part of an equine, means you can try to make sure you give the other direction equal time. It's this developing partnership that makes "whispering" so cool.

So that's why my trainer always goes right first – and the ability to quickly recognize equine weaknesses and strengths is one reason those "whisperers" seem so magical. They didn't develop those skills overnight and neither will you, but you are already on your way. Now the challenge will be to carefully develop your awareness, your body's responses and your partner's abilities, while you expand your goals. You can think of your training and riding time like building a pyramid, stacking one skill upon another as you slowly develop your partnership. **Next month:** *Making that Pyramid Better*

Maureen has been a professional trainer and instructor since 1974, utilizing classical dressage applied to western events, hunters, jumpers, saddleseat, driving and sidesaddle. Maureen and husband Neil currently train mules and donkeys for the same events at their Diamond H Ranch (505-847-0006) Mountainair, New Mexico.

NEWS BRIEFS

Draft Horses an Owner's Manual



New Book for Lovers of the Heavy Horse!

If you are interested in keeping a draft horse, there is a new book available that covers aspects peculiar to the health and care of draft horse breeds. The book is titled "Draft Horses - An Owner's Manual", written by Beth A. Valentine, DVM, Ph.D. and Michael J. Wildenstein, CJF. Feeding, hoof care, shoes and monitoring health are included in this 230 page 8" x 11" paperback book. Illustrated with black and white photos and drawings,

this guide is comprehensive and clear - a "must have" for lovers of the heavy horse. In general, I dislike reading "vet" books, but this book is very readable and reflects the authors personal research and experience with draft horse disorders and peculiarities. It's a book I would recommend for any draft or draft-cross owner.

The book is available through the publishers for \$32.00 plus shipping. Call, write or email them at: Rural Heritage, 281 Dean Ridge Lane, Gainesboro, TN 38562-5039; phone (931) 268-0655 or email: editor@ruralheritage.com. — S. Saremba



Jack and Ev Trowbridge of Cedar Grove, NM, took advantage of the snow that blanketed the area over Thanksgiving. They hope to hitch Connie and JR, their Belgian Draft horses, to their bobsled many more times this winter.

Rocky Mountain Foal Rescue Seeking Volunteers

The Rocky Mountain Foal Rescue is a new organization operating out of Colorado Springs, CO, that is dedicated to saving premarin foals from slaughter. The rescue group is currently seeking volunteers willing to help with fundraising, marketing, booths at fairs and horse shows, making crafts for resale, professional services, and much more. They also need cash donations or donations of feed, tack, supplies and fencing. Not only does the group save premarin foals from slaughter, but they are active in educating the public about the PMU Industry, alternatives to premarin products, provide medical care and training to abused and neglected foals in Colorado, and provide follow-up visits and assistance to adoptive homes.

Premarin is a conjugated estrogen product extracted from the urine of pregnant mares, and is prescribed for estrogen replacement therapy to relieve menopause symptoms. More than 9 million American women are taking Premarin products. There are alternatives to Premarin, and women are encouraged to switch to a plant derived product. For more information about Premarin alternatives, contact Glenda Astor at 719-550-0130 or GlendaAstor@aol.com.

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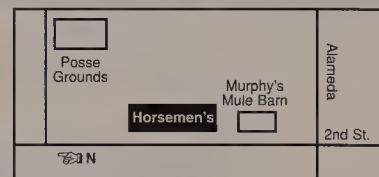
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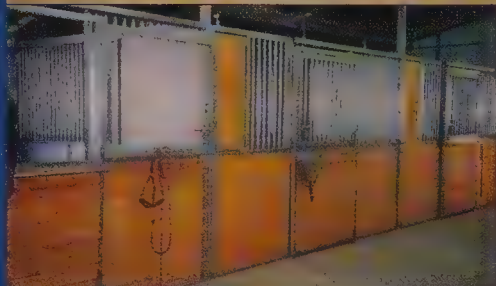
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ment. Reliable estimates indicate there are at least 70,000 production mares on PMU farms accounting for the annual 60,000+ offspring.

The foals are allowed to nurse and be with their mothers for only three to four months – instead of the normal six month period. When the mares go back into the collection barns, the farmer disposes of the surplus of foals. A few females are kept for future PMU production. Some farmers breed registered horses hoping to sell the foals as riding prospects. And though a few have succeeded, an estimated 40,000 foals still go to unsheltered feedlots until they reach a desirable market weight. Then they are slaughtered and their carcasses shipped to Europe and Asia for human consumption.

The Rocky Mountain Foal Rescue organization is in the process of filing for non-profit status and needs your help. If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, the group has an e-group that people can join to learn about volunteering and adoption. Please send an e-mail to cpi-etsch@uswest.net for an invitation, or call Rocky Mountain Foal Rescue at 719-390-5389.

CS Cattle Company Named AQHA Best Remuda

The CS Cattle Company of Cimarron, NM, is the recipient of the 2000 AQHA/Bayer Best Remuda Award. Since 1992, AQHA and AQHA Corporate Partner, Bayer Animal Health, have joined to recognize ranches with outstanding American Quarter Horse remudas.

The CS Ranch. Situated at the foot of the Sange de Cristo Mountains in northeastern New Mexico, the CS Cattle Company encompasses more than 200,000 acres. The cow/calf and stocker operation is owned and managed by the Davis Family and its roots are deep in horses, cattle, the love of family and the cowboy way of life.

The CS Cattle Company was founded in 1873 by Frank Springer, a young lawyer from Iowa. Frank's brother, Charles, managed the operation and his initials became the brand for the ranch. Les Davis, grandson of Frank Springer, took over the reins in 1946 and is responsible for diversifying the ranch which now includes a hunting operation along with timber harvesting and hay growing.

The CS Remuda. The CS remuda traces back to the early days of the ranch when English-bred stallions and mares established the breeding program. In 1912, LITTLE JOE, a grandson of PETER MCCUE, was purchased and his offspring helped advance the remuda. Horses such as LITTLE JOE III, a son of LITTLE JOE SPRINGER; BONNIE MIKE, racing Register of Merit earner and son of foundation sire COBOY MIKE; MORA MISSY, one of the top-producing mares on the CS; and MR. SNOOPER, the senior sire of the CS, and many others have contributed to the CS horse operation. The CS prides itself in producing a working cow horse with eye appeal, intelligence, physical ability, a good disposition and the desire to get the job done.

The horse operation currently consists of four stallions, 26 mares and a remuda of 45 geldings. Horses carrying the CS brand on the right shoulder have competed in various events including halter and team roping, and other performance classes at AQHA events, rodeos and 4-H shows.

The Davis family has been actively involved with numerous horse and cattle associations including the NM Quarter Horse Association, NM Cattle Growers Association and the National Cattleman's Beef Association.

Les and Linda Davis have received recognition for their many contributions to the agriculture industry but perhaps the greatest contribution is their legacy of commitment to family and the land and animals that have provided a way of life for more than 100 years.

The AQHA Best Remuda Award recognizes outstanding ranch remudas consisting of registered American Quarter Horses. The owners of the CS Ranch were awarded a commemorative American Quarter Horse bronze at the 2000 Working Ranch Cowboys Association World Championship in Amarillo in November.

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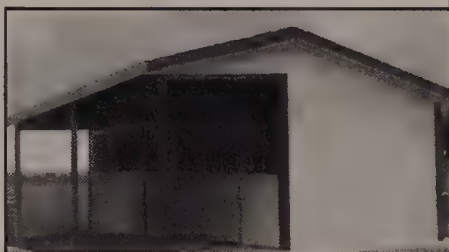
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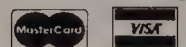
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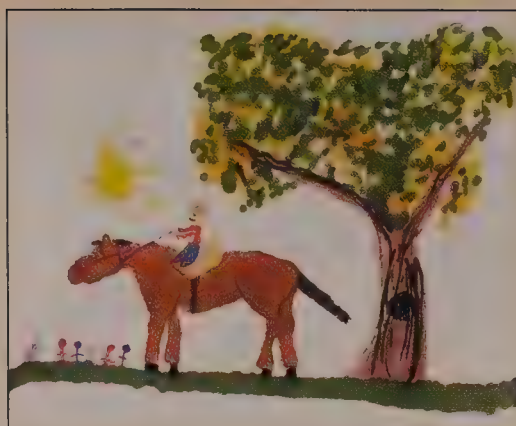


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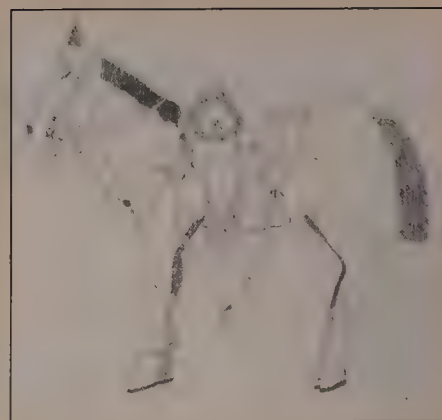
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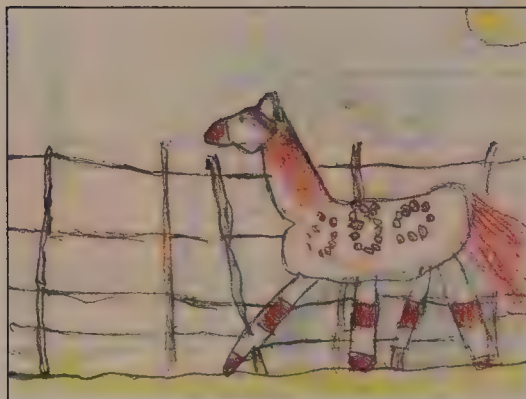
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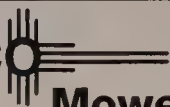


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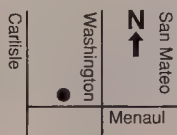
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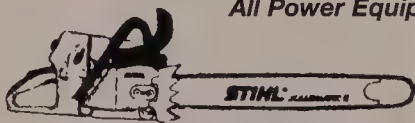
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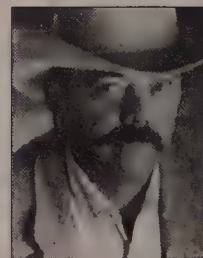
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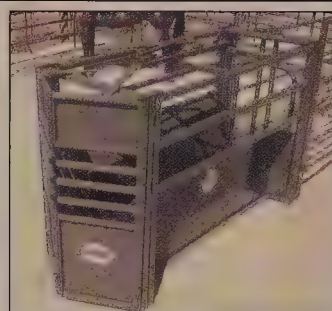
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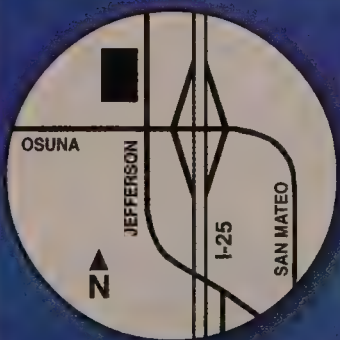
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Letter

Hello!

This is the second annual New Mexico Horsemen's Directory. Our thanks to all of you for so warmly receiving the 2001 Directory and for joining us this year. The 2002 Directory is bigger and better, and we're proud of it. Our sincere hope is that it is useful to you.

We also publish **The Horsemen's Voice** magazine, and our mission with these two publications is to connect people in the New Mexico horse community to one another so they can find the services, products, facilities, and organizations they need.

A new feature this year is the 2002 Calendar of Events. It is as complete as we could make it, and we ask for your help in making it even more inclusive next year. Please mail, fax, or e-mail your events for 2003 as soon as you can in the new year.

We will also need updates on clubs and associations and their contact numbers, as soon as you have them.

We have printed 15,000 copies of this Directory, and we want to get it into the hands of every horseman and horsewoman in the state. If your organization needs multiple copies, or if you know of a business—or an event—that would be a good outlet for the Directory, please let us know. There is no charge.

We have added a listing of national associations this year—including breed and discipline organizations.

We have added some places to ride and some basic horse care information.

We are looking ahead now to the 2003 Directory. Advertising information is listed at the back of this edition. Please join us in making this a **complete** listing of equine goods and services in New Mexico.

All the best,

Nancy Gage
Editor/Publisher



New Mexico Equine Activity Statute

New Mexico Statutes Annotated
N.M. Stat. Ann. s 42-13-2 (1994)

s42-13-2. Legislative purpose and findings

The legislature recognizes that persons who participate in or observe equine activities may incur injuries as a result of the numerous inherent risks involved in such activities. The legislature also finds that the state and its citizens derive numerous personal and economic benefits from such activities. It is the purpose of the legislature to encourage owners, trainers, operators and promoters to sponsor or engage in equine activities by providing that no person shall recover for injuries resulting from the risks related to the behavior of equine animals while engaged in any equine activities.

s42-13-3. Definitions

As used in the Equine Liability Act [12-13-1 to 42-13-5 NMSA 1978]:

A. "equine" means a horse, pony, mule, donkey or hinny

B. "equine activities" means: (1) equine shows, fairs, competitions, rodeos, gymkhana, performances or parades that involve any or all breeds of equines and any of the equine disciplines; (2) training or teaching activities; (3) boarding equines; (4) riding an equine belonging to another whether or not the owner has received some monetary consideration or other thing of equivalent value for the use of the equine or is permitting a prospective purchaser of the equine to ride, inspect or evaluate the equine; (5) rides, shows, clinics, trips, hunts or other equine occasions of any type, however informal or impromptu, connected with any equine or nonequine group or club; and (6) equine racing;

C. "behavior of equine animals" means the propensity of an equine animal to kick, bite, shy, buck, stumble, bolt, rear, trample, be unpredictable or collide with other animals, objects or persons; and

D. "rider" means a person, whether amateur or professional, who is engaged in an equine activity.

s42-13-4. Limitation of liability

A. No person, corporation or partnership is liable for personal injuries to or for the death of a rider that may occur as a result of the behavior of equine animals while engaged in any equine activities.

B. No person, corporation or partnership shall make any claim against, maintain any action against or recover from a rider, operator, owner, trainer or promoter for injury, loss or damage resulting from equine behavior unless the acts or omissions of the rider, owner, operator, trainer or promoter constitute negligence.

C. Nothing in the Equine Liability Act [42-13-1 to 42-13-5 NMSA 1978] shall be construed to prevent or limit the liability of the operator, owner, trainer or promoter of an equine activity who:

- (1) provided the equipment or tack, and knew or should have known that the equipment or tack was faulty and an injury was the proximate result of the faulty condition of the equipment or tack;
- (2) provided the equine and failed to make reasonable and prudent efforts to determine the ability of the rider to (a) engage safely in the equine activity; or (b) safely manage the particular equine based on the rider's representations of his ability;
- (3) owns, leases, rents or otherwise is in lawful possession and control of the land or facilities upon which a rider sustained injuries because of a dangerous condition that was known to the operator, owner, trainer or promoter of the equine activity;
- (4) committed an act or omission that constitutes conscious or reckless disregard for the safety of a rider and an injury was the proximate result of that act or omission; or
- (5) intentionally injures a rider.

s42-13-5. Posting of notice

Operators, owners, trainers and promoters of equine activities or equine facilities, including but not limited to stables, clubhouses, ponyride strings, fairs and arenas, and persons engaged in instructing or renting equine animals shall post clearly visible signs at one or more prominent locations that shall include a warning regarding the inherent risks of the equine activity and the limitations on liability of the operator, owner, trainer or promoter.

APPROPRIATE WORDING FOR EQUINE LIABILITY NOTICE:

WARNING
ALL activities involving
HORSES, donkeys, mules
or ponies have inherent
risks for participants.

New Mexico State law protects
operators, owners, trainers,
promoters and others from
liability for injuries which are
the result of an equine animal's
behavior.

USE THESE FACILITIES AND/OR
RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK

Equine Liability Act SJC/Senate Bill 268.aa1993



Horsemanship Safety

General Rules

1. Know your abilities and skill level. Do not attempt to handle or ride a horse that is beyond your ability to do so safely.
2. Know the horse you are handling or riding.
3. Be sure your tack is in good condition. A broken rein or latigo can cause a major accident.
4. Be aware that horsemanship is an art and is thus a life-time pursuit. Safety on and around horses requires thought, attention, and good habits.
5. Get the best instruction you can. Learn to develop an independent seat. The more you ride, the more relaxed you will become, and the less likely you will be to "clutch up" and make any potentially bad situation worse.

Handling & Tying

6. Always wear boots or hard-toed shoes when working around horses.
7. Before you tie a horse for the first time, find out if he has been trained to stand tied.
8. Always tie a horse with a quick-release safety knot; it's a good idea to keep a knife nearby in case the knot does not release in a dangerous situation.
9. Learn to read a horse's body language and be aware of his mood at all times.
10. When the rope is attached to the horse, never loop or tie it around your hand or any other part of your body.
11. Tie a horse short enough and high enough that he cannot get a leg over the rope.
12. Tie a horse only to something solid, preferably something designed for tying horses to. Never tie to a fence rail. Don't underestimate the strength of a horse.
13. When getting a horse out of a stall, do not enter until the horse has turned to face you.
14. The horse should not lead you. Be certain that you pass through gates and doors ahead of the horse and that he does not crowd through with you.
15. Never tie a horse with the bridle reins.
16. Tie horses away from other horses and equipment in which they could become tangled.

17. Do not tie a horse to a trailer unless the trailer is hitched to a vehicle. A horse can move a trailer if he panics.
18. It is a bad idea to turn a horse loose wearing a halter. Halters can be hazardous if they catch on a post or if the horse should get his foot through the halter. If you must turn a haltered horse loose, use a breakable leather halter or one with a breakaway leather crown.
19. When turning a horse out, insist that he face toward the gate and stand calmly before you release him.

Saddling & Bridling

20. Stand beside the horse's head, facing forward, when bridling. Do not stand in front of his chest.
21. Groom the horse thoroughly in the saddle and girth area and check the saddle and pad for anything that could cause pain to the horse.
22. Make an air passage under the pad, over the spine, by pulling the pad or blanket up into the gullet of the saddle. The pad will not then be drawn tightly over the withers when the saddle is tightened.
23. Make certain your tack fits properly. An ill-fitting saddle can cause a horse to buck.
24. On a Western saddle, fasten the front (main) cinch first, the rear cinch last. When unsaddling, release the rear cinch first, then the front (main) cinch.
25. Make sure the back cinch is tight enough that the horse cannot get a foot into it. It should not be tight, however. Its purpose is to keep the back of the saddle down, not to keep the saddle on the horse.
26. Check the tightness of the cinch or girth immediately before mounting and again whenever remounting.

Riding

27. Learn to stop your horse using one rein. Teach your horse to respond to this cue and stop with one rein. A circling horse will slow down and stop. Take care not to make the circle too sudden or too tight.
28. Learn to fall safely and/or make an emergency dismount.
29. Wear a helmet.



Behavior on the Trail

Train your horse for trail hazards! You must familiarize your horse with the sights and sounds encountered on a trail. Teach him to step over logs and to cross water. Get him used to loose paper and plastic bags, dogs, bicycles, cars, etc.

You must be alert to other recreational users who are not familiar with horses or who behave poorly around your horse. You are responsible for your behavior and your horse's behavior.

If your horse is new to trails, ride with a steady companion horse and rider.

If your horse bolts, bucks or rears on a heavily traveled trail, dismount immediately and control your horse if you cannot settle him instantly from your saddle.

Do not panic, yell, yank on reins, or kick the horse. Stay calm, cool and collected. Your horse will sense your composure. He looks to you for leadership. If you panic, he panics.

On all trails, urban or wilderness, ride to the right, pass on the left.

Announce your approach from behind to others. Tell them you are going to pass. If you are concerned about your horse's reaction, dismount and lead him past those ahead of you.

Pass at a walk – never at a trot or canter.

When riding with others, keep a safe distance between your horse and the horse ahead of you. Likewise, warn those who come behind you to keep a safe distance.

On group rides, wait until everybody is mounted before you start. If someone has to stop during the ride, everybody should stop. Likewise, do not break into a trot or canter without consulting with the people you are riding with.

Be alert to dangers such as holes in the trail, loose wire, low branches. Warn the riders behind you of any dangers you spot.

Be courteous and considerate of other trail users. Thank others for their courtesy to you (such as when an on-coming bicyclist pulls up and stops while you pass).



Equestrian Helmet Facts

By Renee Abrams

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Wearing a helmet can save your life.

These statistics were gathered by the American Medical Equestrian Association and reported in their newsletter of February 2000, Vol. XI, Number 1 issue.

- Fact #1:** Between 12 to 15 million persons in the United States ride a horse or pony every year.
- Fact #2:** Approximately 80 percent of horse related injuries occur while in the saddle.
- Fact #3:** Most riding injuries occur during pleasure riding.
- Fact #4:** The most common reason among riders for admission to hospital and death are head injuries.
- Fact #5:** A fall from two feet can cause permanent brain damage. A horse elevates a rider eight feet or more above the ground.
- Fact #6:** A human skull can be shattered by an impact of 7-10 kilometers per hour. Horses can gallop at 65 kilometers per hour.
- Fact #7:** According to the National Electronic Surveillance System 1998, the most likely ages for injury are 5-14 and 25-44 years with each decade having about 20 percent of injuries.
- Fact #8:** A rider who has one head injury has a 40 percent chance of suffering a second head injury. Children, teens and young adults are most vulnerable to sudden death from second impact syndrome: severe brain swelling can result from suffering a second head injury before recovery from the first head injury.
- Fact #9:** Death is not the only serious outcome of unprotected head injuries. Those who survive brain injury may suffer epilepsy, intellectual and memory impairment, and personality changes.
- Fact #10:** Hospital costs for an acute head injury can be in the range of \$25,000 per day. Lifetime extended care costs may easily exceed \$3 million. There is no funding for rehabilitation outside the medical setting.
- Fact #11:** Helmets work. Most deaths from head injury can be prevented by wearing ASTM (American Society for Testing Materials), SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) approved helmets that fit correctly and having the chin strap firmly applied. Other types of helmets, including bike helmets, are inadequate.

Shouldn't you, your students, and your loved ones be wearing helmets? Is it worth the risk?



Places to Ride

Every effort has been made to be certain this information is current and accurate. However, it is a good idea to check with the various agencies in charge of public lands before embarking on a horseback ride. It is a good idea to err on the side of safety and assume that water is not available on any of these rides. If you plan to ride for more than a few hours on National Park, Forest Service, or BLM land, call the provided phone number and ask about the availability of water for your horses.

The Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico chapter nearest the ride area will also have information about these routes. Their numbers are listed in the Clubs & Organizations section on page 59.

Alamogordo Area

White Mountain Wilderness, Lincoln National Forest Smokey Bear Ranger District, Ruidoso (257-4095) or Lincoln National Forest Supervisor's Office, Alamogordo (437-6030)

Map available at ranger office. 48,000 acres. 120+ miles of trails, most follow canyon bottoms or mountain ridges.

Good places to start:

Access to **Bonito Creek** trailhead south of Nogal (State Hwy 37 to Forest Road 107). Corrals available, camping OK, loop trail to Argentina Spring, joins Crest Trail and others.

Three Rivers Campground, off Hwy 54 25 miles south of Carrizozo, on Forest Road 579, also offers horse trails, corrals, and access to White Mountain Wilderness trails.

Albuquerque

Rio Grande Valley State Park

Best access via Open Space parking lot off Academy Boulevard NW between Rio Grande Blvd. and the river or from Tingley Beach (east of the Rio Grande south of Central). Miles of riding on lower levee road, north and south from Corrales to far South Valley.

Vista Sandia Equestrian Park, 856-1008

Day use only. At east end of San Bernardino off Paseo del Norte in North Albuquerque Acres. County facility with pull-through parking for trailers, arena, dressage ring, practice area, bleachers, announcer's stand and day stalls.

La Boca Negra Equestrian Park

City facility, off Unser Boulevard NW, leased to Watermelon Mountain Pony Club. Non-club members can purchase one-

year riding permit for \$25 and must sign release. Cross-country course and trails. Pony Club contacts: Tes Balcomb (869-6065) and Joan O'Connell (897-0699). To reserve entire facility for riding events, contact Jay Hart, Superintendent of Open Space, at 452-5209. For use of roping arena, also schedule through Hart's office.

Elena Gallegos Open Space Albuquerque Open Space, 873-6620, Sandia Ranger District, 281-3304:

Tramway Blvd. to Simms Park Road (just north of Academy Blvd.). Multi-use trails through 7,000-acre park, access trails to Sandia Wilderness. Day use, year-round. Maps: "Trail Map of Elena Gallegos Picnic Area" available at gate; "Sandia Mountain Wilderness," through Forest Service.

Magdalena Area

Apache Kid Wilderness, Cibola National Forest, Magdalena Ranger District, 854-2281

I-25 at Exit 115 to NM 1 south, 14 miles to Forest Road 225. Corrals at Springtime Campground. Not for green horses or riders.

Carlsbad

Brantley Lake State Park, 457-2384

Twelve miles north of Carlsbad on Hwy 285. Immediate clean-up mandatory. No flake hays allowed in park. No water. Mapped riding/hiking trails and unmapped "two-track" roads that horses are permitted on

Carlsbad Caverns National Park, 275-2232, x429

3225 National Parks Highway. Advance arrangements for use of small holding pen in Walnut Canyon is required. Grazing not permitted. Horse use is permitted in designated areas within park.

Cerrillos and Waldo

From Albuquerque take I-25 north to exit 267, then County Road 57 (dirt) about six miles east. OR from I-40, take N. 14 to Cerrillos, turn onto County Road 57 at first intersection. Explore arroyos—no designated trails.

Cimarron/Eagle Nest Area

McCrystal and Cimarron Campgrounds, Carson National Forest, Questa Ranger District (586-0520)

Thirty-five and 40 miles northwest of Cimarron, respectively. Campsites.

Clayton

Clayton Lake State Park in Seneca, 374-8808

Horseback riding is permitted on the north trail and at the north camping area. Visitors may have horses in the primitive area, which is located on the north side of the park.

Eagle Nest

Cimarron Canyon State Park in Ute Park, 377-6271

Three miles east of Eagle Nest on US 64. 33,116-acre wilderness area is part of the Colin Neblett Wildlife Reserve—the largest wildlife area in the state. Horseback riding is allowed, but horses must be kept away from campsites.

Corrals provided near the Maverick and Tolby campgrounds.

Farmington

Bisti/Be-Na-Zin Wilderness, 599-8900

Open year round, no water.

Gila National Forest

Head of the Ditch, Luna Work Station, 547-2612

Campground and trails.

Guadalupita

Morphy Lake State Park, 387-2328

Four miles south of Mora on NM 94. The 20-acre wilderness area gate is open 24 hours. There is a primitive use area.

The Hole-in-the-Wall

West Malpais Wilderness, Bureau of Land Management, 287-7911; map "Ice Caves SE Quad and North Pasture Quad 7.5 Minute Series," BLM

I-40 to Exit 89 south, 34.5 miles to County Road 42. Turn right for two miles, then right at fork, another 4 miles, park near BLM sign. Entry gate to left. A 6,000-acres "island" surrounded completely by ancient basalt lava flows. One road provides easy access, 10-15 miles of riding available.

Jemez Springs

Fenton Lake State Park, 829-3630

Thirty-three miles northwest of San Ysidro via NM 44 and NM 4. Horses are allowed in designated campsites (#11, #25 & #28). Horseback riding is allowed on main roads to access adjacent forest service trails. Riding is permitted on the cross-country ski trail when there is no snow on the trail.

Kiowa and Rita Blanca National Grasslands, 374-9652

Open year round.

Las Cruces

Organ Mountains Recreation Area, Bureau of Land Management, Mimbres Office, 525-4300

Twenty miles east of Las Cruces, US Hwy 70 to Dripping Springs Road, then three miles to campground, rugged desert beauty.

Las Vegas

El Porvenir, Santa Fe National Forest, 425-3534

Sixteen miles northwest of Las Vegas on NM Hwy 65, camping facilities, trails, scenic canyon.

Storrie Lake State Park, 425-7278

Gate to this 80-acre wilderness are open 6 a.m. to sunset (April-Sept.) and 7 a.m. to sunset (Oct.-March). Horses allowed for overnight stay in the fenced-in area located on the southwest side of the park. Call ranger for specific information and directions.

Los Alamos Area

Bandelier National Monument, National Park Service, 672-0343

South of Los Alamos on Hwy. 502, east on NM 4 to park entrance. Seventy miles of trails in the backcountry of the monument.

Manzano Mountains

Capilla Peak

From town of Manzano on NM Hwy 55, west onto Forest Road 245, 12 miles to campground. Camping. Cibola National Forest, Mountainair Ranger District, 847-2990

John F. Kennedy

On the eastern side of the Manzanos. From Belen, south on NM Hwy 47 to County Road 68/Forest Road 33, 17 miles to campground. Access to Manzano Crest Trail. Cibola National Forest, Mountainair Ranger District, 847-2990

Manzano Mountains State Park

Thirteen miles northwest of Mountainair. From town of Manzano, south on NM Hwy 131/Forest Road 253. Overnight camping. State Park trails and access to nearby National Forest trails into Manzano Wilderness. 847-2820

Red Canyon Campgrounds

Continue from Manzano Mountains State Park into campground. Corrals, trails maintained by Pecos Chapter, Back Country Horsemen of NM. Trails to top of mountain.

Navajo Dam

Navajo Lake State Park, 632-2278

Twenty-five miles east of Bloomfield via US 64 and NM 511. This 21,000-acre wilderness area boasts state's second largest lake (next to Elephant Butte). No horses are allowed in developed areas. Camping with horses and horseback riding are permitted on BLM property adjacent to Navajo Lake State Park. BLM has designated horse use camping area located a half mile south of the dam on NM Hwy 539. This area is open to the public for access to the BLM designated Navajo Lake Horse Trail, which encompasses both BLM and Park lands in the Frances Canyon area. Horses are also allowed in most undeveloped areas of the Park. They are not allowed in the San Juan River area of the park from the dam downstream to the lower Park boundary.

Pecos Wilderness

Santa Fe National Forest, Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger District, 757-6121

Iron Gate

Nineteen miles north of the town of Pecos, NM Hwy 63, campground, corrals and trails into Pecos Wilderness.

Jack's Creek

Eighteen and a half miles north of Pecos, NM Hwy 63, campground, corrals and trails.

Portales

Oasis State Park, 356-5331

Eighteen miles southwest of Clovis via US 60 and NM 467. 190-acre wilderness. Horseback riding permitted except around the pond area. No designated trails.

San Ysidro Trails Riding Area

Bureau of Land Management (key required; available through BLM office in Albuquerque, 761-8794)

Hwy. 44 to San Ysidro, at junction of 44 and Hwy 4, continue west for one mile to parking lot on right. Three thousand acres and miles of rolling hills and rock canyons to explore.

Sandia Mountain Wilderness

USFS Ranger Station in Tijeras, 281-3304

NM Hwy 14 north to State Road 536 (Crest Hwy), no camping at trailhead. Five mile loop trail from trailhead, with access to more and longer trails.

Santa Fe Area

Rowe Mesa, Santa Fe National Forest, Pecos/Las Vegas Ranger Station, 757-6121:

Ten miles southeast of Santa Fe, via State Road 34 from N. I-25 or Hwy 285 from the south, easy riding on vast, rolling mesa top. Primitive camping.

Silver City

Gila National Forest, 388-8201

3.3 million acres of wilderness, 1,490 miles of trails. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day

Sapillo/Lake Roberts, Gila National Forest, Wilderness Ranger District, 536-2250

Twenty-four miles northeast of Silver City, campground, trailheads into the wilderness, riding stables located nearby

Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument, 536-9461

Over 350 miles of wilderness riding trails. Riding in the Gila Wilderness surrounding the monument.

Taos Area

Cruces Basin Wilderness, Carson National Forest

North of Tres Piedras on 285 for 11 miles to Forest Road 87, turn on gravel road and continue for 23 miles. Rocky road, primitive camping, 18,902 acres, miles of trails.

Tijeras Canyon

Albuquerque Open Space, 873-6620

At Town 'n' Country Feed in Tijeras Canyon (one-half mile east of old U.S. 66 and Four Hills Road), park in graveled area on Old 66, ride south to Tijeras Creek, cross and follow arroyos and a crisscross pattern of trails.

Tres Ritos/Penasco/Trampas

Carson National Forest, Camino Real Ranger District, 587-2255

Agua Piedra

Campgrounds on NM Hwy 518, one and a half miles northwest of Tres Ritos, campsite, trails

Duran Canyon (campsite reservations, 877-444-6777)

Two miles northeast of Tres Ritos, NM Hwy 76, trails

Hodges

Six miles southeast of Penasco, campsite, trails

Trampas Trailhead

Ten miles southeast of Trampas. Turn onto Forest Road 207, to campground

Places to Ride Continued

Santa Barbara

Nine miles southeast of Penasco on Forest Road 116, campground with horse corrals and access to Pecos Wilderness trails

Trampas Diamante

Seven miles southeast of Trampas, primitive campsites and trails

Truth or Consequences

Caballo Lakes, NM State Parks Department, 743-3942

Sixteen miles south of Truth or Consequences on I-25. First gate south on 187 from T or C. 5300-acre wilderness area. Horseback riding is allowed on the trail beginning at the Williamsburg bend and going south to the Palomas Canyon area. Trail is not marked. Horses are allowed north of the fence line at Veteran's Point. No corrals. Horses allowed on the north side of the lake only, near Williamsburg. Horses not allowed in the developed area of the park.

Rio Grande Trail

Bureau of Reclamation land, from just south of Williamsburg, six miles to Las Palomas, with one-mile loop inland, and return. Part of developing trail to connect Elephant Butte to Caballo Lake.

Selected segments of the Continental Divide Trail (CDT)

(information from *New Mexico's Continental Divide Trail* by Bob Julyan, published by Westcliffe Publishers—to enjoy these rides on the CDT, buy the book; it has complete and invaluable information for safe and pleasant use of the trail). These segments are listed south-to-north, but can be accessed from either end.

Silver City to Forest Road 506, Gila National Forest, Silver City Ranger District, 388-8201

At Little Walnut Picnic Area, about two miles to CDT

Forest Road 506 (Little Walnut Road) to NM 15

Pinos Altos: 8.2 miles with easy access at either end. Town of Los Pinos makes a nice destination.

NM 12 to Valle Tio Vences Campground, Gila National Forest, Quemado Ranger District, 773-4678

Valle Tio Vences Campground has corrals and water tanks constructed by Northwest Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of NM. Access via US 60 via County Road A95, west of Pie Town (22.4 miles on gravel road).

Valle Tio Vences Campground to Pie Town

Mangas Mountain: Ten-mile round trip from Valle Tio Vences to top of Mangas Mountain and back is recommended by CDT writer Bob Julyan.

Grants/Zuni Mountain Segment, Cibola National Forest, Mt. Taylor Ranger District, 287-8833

Access is best at north end; Zuni Canyon less than one-quarter mile west of I-40 off NM 53 at the west end of Grants. There are not many trails, but Forest Roads make for good riding. Gentle terrain, corrals and water, good camping.

Rio Puerco Valley: Mesa Chivato Escarpment to Cuba, Bureau of Land Management, Albuquerque Field Office, 761-8700

Easiest access at south—ten miles south of Cuba, a dirt road crossing the Rio Puerco by bridge, then west to access roads around La Ventana Mesa; access at north, Cuba via NM 44/US 550. Dirt roads offer choices of rides of varying lengths.

Chama to Cumbres Pass, Carson National Forest, Canjilon Ranger District, 684-2486

Beginning at the railroad station in Chama, the trail follows NM 17 north. It is about 11 miles to Cumbres Pass, and the trail gains 1250 feet in elevation.

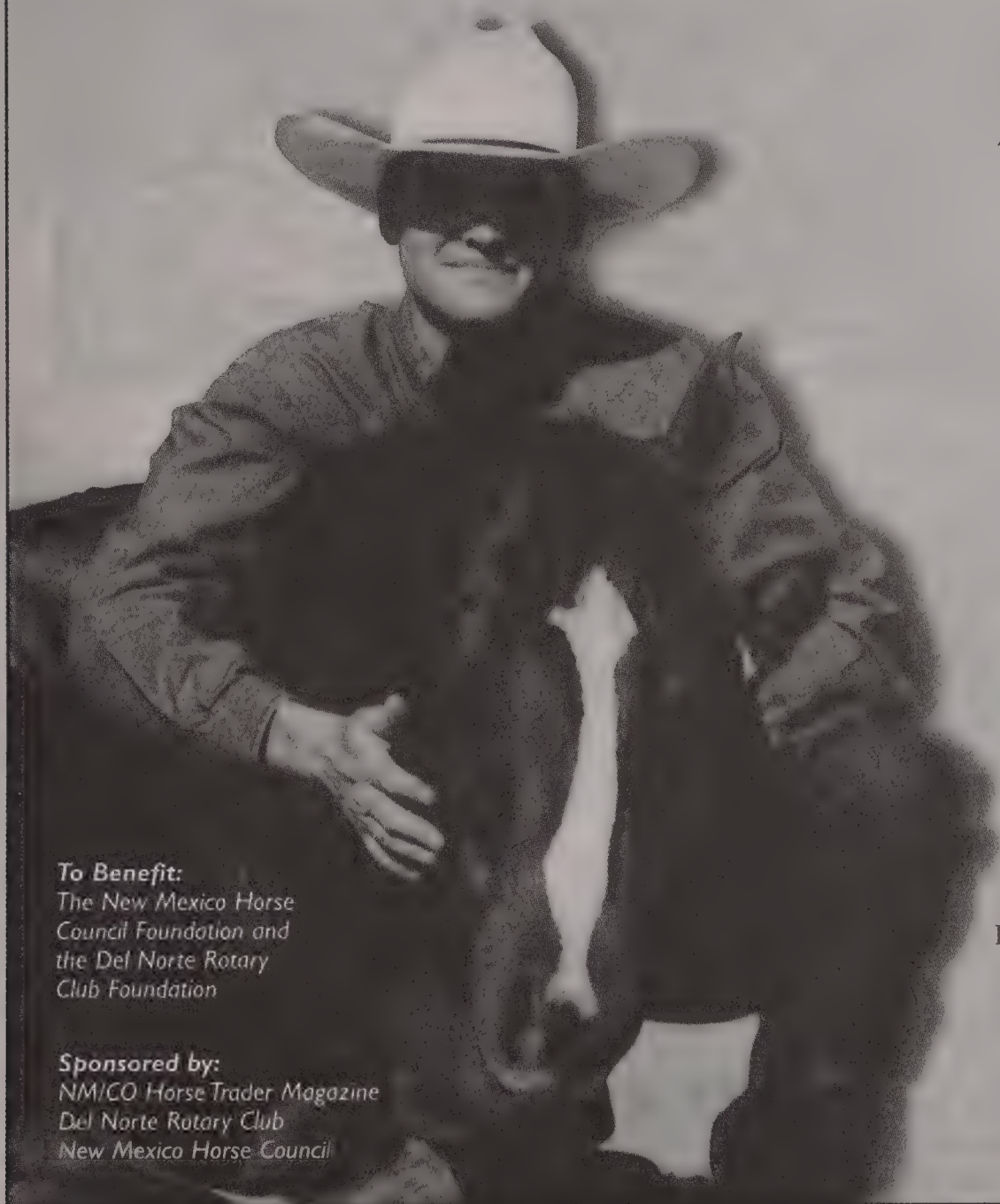
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Basic Horse Care

Adapted from "New Mexico Horse Care," a publication of the New Mexico Horse Council.

Things to Consider in Choosing a Horse:

Breed of horse

Temperament of horse

Styles of riding you wish to do

Your experience as a rider

Age of the horse

Horse's level of training and experience

Horse's health and soundness

Any previous injury to the horse

It is best to have a horse expert and veterinarian help you with this decision. Before you buy, you may want to consider leasing a horse first—or using a school horse at an instructor's barn—to be sure that purchasing a horse is the correct decision for you.

You have purchased a horse and want to take it home. What now?

Legalities

New Mexico requires a Bill of Sale, registration papers, or a New Mexico Permanent Horse Transportation Permit (hauling card) as proof of ownership. A hauling card is a necessity if a horse is transported within New Mexico or when leaving the state. A negative Coggins test and Health Certificate are required when entering New Mexico or traveling to other states. Contact the NM Livestock Board (505-841-6161) for more information.

Equine Liability

New Mexico has an equine liability statute that protects horsemen (see page 2). Equine liability signs are required for commercial stables—and a good idea for any horse owner.

Space & Shelter

Horses need a large exercise area, such as a corral or pasture. They also need natural or man-made shelter from the elements, both hot and cold. This can vary from a protective stand of trees to a three-sided shed to a complete stable with box stalls. A shelter should be clean and well ventilated with no drafts. It should be at least ten-to-twelve feet across and ten-to-twelve feet deep, with a minimum of an eight-foot ceiling.

Fencing

Whether using a traditional board fence, a rail fence, or electric wire fencing (wide ribbon wire is best), the most important thing is that the fence must be **VISIBLE** to the horse. This keeps the horse from becoming tangled in the fence or from running through the fence and onto the roadway. Electric fence should be used **ONLY** as an interior fence and never as a major exterior fence. **Do not use barbed wire.**

Manure

You must have a plan for manure disposal, removal, or use. You may want to start a composting project to convert manure and yard waste into organic fertilizer. You will also need a plan to control flies and other insects.

Feeding

An average 1000-pound saddle horse will eat approximately 20 pounds of feed per day (total ration), a combination of hay, grain, and pasture. Salt should always be available to the horse.

More about Feeding

Pasture

The major component of a horse's diet is good forage, such as hay or pasture. A horse weighing 1000 pounds will eat about 600 pounds of forage each month. How much land will you need to feed one horse for a year?

Keeping a horse on dry land (non-irrigated) pasture, use the following formula to determine how many acres your horse will need: One animal unit (one horse) per inch of annual rain (for the region) per section of land (640 acres). Example: 640 acres divided by 8 inches of rain = 80 acres per one horse.

To keep pasture healthy, do not let the horse overgraze the land so that the grass will no longer grow. **Overgrazed dryland pasture may never recover.**

Irrigated pastures with adequate moisture will grow more forage than dryland pasture, so less acreage is needed. The amount of land needed for one horse ranges from three-quarters to one and one-quarter acres. The horse will not eat grass that has been trampled or has manure on it. Overgrazing will also damage irrigated pastures. For good quality regrowth, leave about one-third of the grass uneaten. Manage your pasture as a crop by soil testing, fertilizing, clipping weeds, and managing manure.

A Word of Caution: Before turning a horse out to pasture for the first time each season, you must condition it to a change in diet. Turning the horse out on green lush pasture

is dangerous and can result in sickness or death. Start out slowly by letting the horse graze for a few minutes each day and gradually increase the time to a few hours each day.

Water

Your horse must have plenty of clean, fresh water available at all times. A horse will drink 10 to 12 gallons of water each day, depending on temperature, humidity, ration content, and work load. In the winter months, stock tank heaters will prevent ice so that water is always accessible to the horse.

Grain

A grain mix (usually oats and corn) should be added to the diet when you increase the horse's training, work, or activity. Young and old horses may also need grain. For an average 1000-pound horse:

No work = No grain

*Light work = 1 - 1 1/2 lbs. of grain per hour of work
(1 - 2 hours per day)*

*Medium work = 1 1/2 - 2 lbs. of grain per hour of work
(2 - 4 hours per day)*

*Heavy work = 2 - 3 lbs. of grain per hour of work
(4 or more hours per day)*

Hay

Your horse will need supplemental hay during periods of snow cover or other times when pasture forage is not available. Feeding hay will also extend the grazing season on properties with small acreage. A small rectangular bale of hay can weigh between 45 and 85 pounds. How much hay to buy and feed to your horse should be based on the weight of the bales and the nutrient value of the hay. You can feed less hay if it is higher quality. It is best to have your hay analyzed to determine nutrient value.

An average 1000-pound horse will eat 20 pounds of medium quality hay per day. How do you determine how much hay to buy? Use this formula and fill in the blanks with your own numbers:

_____ Number of days to feed hay X 20 lbs. hay per day
divided by _____ lbs. of weight per bale = number of bales
needed. (Example: 365 days X 20 lbs. hay per day divided
by 50 lbs. per bale = 146 bales needed for one year for one
horse.)

Legume hay (alfalfa and clover) is higher in protein than grass hay, so you need to feed less (weight) legume hay than grass hay. Grass hay will keep the horse busy eating longer and help prevent boredom.

In New Mexico, alfalfa is cut up to six times per year. Later cuttings may have higher protein content. Do not switch diets abruptly between grass and alfalfa. Hay in your region will vary in type and cost. Consult your veterinarian as to what is best for your horse.

Hay for horses must be mold and dust free.

Weeds have limited nutritional value. Weed seeds can be passed through the manure and infest your pasture. Buy hay that is free of weeds, as some weeds are poisonous to horses.

Minimum Health Care Requirements:

(It is critical that you develop a partnership with a veterinarian prior to an emergency situation. This can be done by consulting your veterinarian for your horse's routine and preventive health care.)

Dental Care

Teeth should be checked by a veterinarian at least once a year. The teeth may need to be floated (filed) due to uneven wear from the grinding motion used while eating.

Vaccinations

All horses should be vaccinated at least once a year, usually in the spring. A vaccination program is determined by age, use and overall health of your horse. Time of year influences the risk of infectious diseases. Contact your veterinarian for recommendations.

Internal Parasite Control

Your horse needs to be de-wormed several times each year (generally every six to eight weeks). The frequency of treatment varies with your horse's management.

First Aid

Consult your veterinarian about an appropriate first-aid kit. It should contain bandage material, a thermometer, ointments and other related items. Learn how to check your horse's temperature, pulse, and respiration rate. Contact a veterinarian any time your horse appears sick or disoriented, or has been injured.

Foot Care

Clean out hooves before and after you ride. Examine them regularly for problems. Hooves should be trimmed regularly. The need for hoof care varies with the use and age of your horse. Contact a qualified farrier (horseshoer) for recommendations for your horse.



Control of Infectious Diseases of Horses

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An effective disease control program is extremely important to maintain the health and usefulness of a horse. A disease control program is just part of a total management scheme of proper health, nutrition, reproduction, growth and performance. A healthy, disease-free horse will have the opportunity to maximize its genetic potential or simply carry the horse owner on a Sunday afternoon pleasure ride. This fact sheet provides information about diseases and their control.

Equine Encephalomyelitis

Equine encephalomyelitis is a viral disease which causes degeneration in certain areas of the brain. This disease is commonly referred to as "sleeping sickness." It affects horses and is a threat to humans as well. Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis (EEE) and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (WEE) are present in the United States. Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis (VEE) is present in South and Central America. The disease is transmitted to horses primarily by mosquitoes from wild birds and rodents, which serve as carriers.

The amount of virus in the blood of horses affected with EEE and WEE is very low and makes horse-to-horse and horse-to-human transmission very unlikely. This is not the case with VEE. Therefore, VEE presents a much greater public health threat. The death rate for WEE is approximately 50 percent, while EEE and VEE have death rates of 70 to 90 percent.

Symptoms of the disease actually occur in four stages. Stage I is characterized by an extremely high body temperature for a short period of time. In addition, nervous signs appear at peak of fever, with the horse being very sensitive to sound. In stage II the horse shows signs of depression and drowsiness, and abnormal gait and circling. The horse in stage III shows signs of paralysis. Typically, the horse cannot raise its head, the lower lip drops and the tongue may hang out. Complete paralysis and death occur in stage IV.

An effective vaccination program is available to prevent Equine Encephalomyelitis. Vaccinations will include a two-shot series, four to six weeks apart, for an unvaccinated horse. Thereafter, annual vaccination is recommended in the spring or early summer. This vaccine is often combined with other vaccines like tetanus toxoid.

Tetanus

Tetanus is a usually fatal bacterial disease which poses a continual threat to horses. This *clostridial* bacteria is present in all equine manure, and horses have an unusually high susceptibility to the disease. The mortality of affected horses is greater than 80 percent. Protective immunization against this disease is mandatory.

Clostridium tetani bacteria prefer an environment low in oxygen, which allows the bacteria to multiply and produce toxins. Therefore deep wounds (puncture wounds) are the most dangerous. The bacteria produce spores which can live in the environment for years and often enter the body on rusty nails or wire. The toxins interfere with the nervous system of the animal, resulting in very tight, stiff muscles. Other clinical signs include a stiff, stilted gait, elevated tail, persistent protrusion of the third eyelid, and a classical "sawhorse" stance. As the disease progresses, most horses will be unable to eat or drink and generally die of respiratory paralysis.

Two products are available for protecting horses against tetanus. These are tetanus antitoxin and tetanus toxoid. Tetanus antitoxin gives immediate but short-lived protection, and is given to horses not previously vaccinated that have a wound, or to newborn foals from unvaccinated mares. Tetanus toxoid gives long-acting protect, but takes two weeks for the protection to develop after the initial vaccination series is given. This vaccine is given as two shots, one month apart, followed by a yearly booster. Foals can be given the vaccine beginning at three months of age. Pregnant mares should be given the vaccine one month before foaling, and any horse with an injury or having surgery should be given a booster.

Equine Influenza

The influenza virus is the most common cause of respiratory disease in horses. Influenza is caused by two specific types of viruses—myxovirus A/Equi and myxovirus A/Equi2. The disease is highly contagious and is spread by horses coughing and others breathing the droplets as they move through the air. A horse infected with the virus can cough and spread the virus as far as 35 feet. The virus then settles on feed, feed buckets, etc., and is eaten or breathed in by the next horse. Isolation of affected horses is essential.

Clinical signs of the disease include high body temperature (101 to 106F), runny nose, depression, cough and loss

of appetite. The incubation period for this disease can be very short, one to five days. This disease can initiate other secondary disease processes like pneumonia, laminitis, and colic. It is essential to give adequate rest—three to four weeks—to allow complete regeneration of the upper respiratory tract. If a horse is not properly rested, secondary bacterial infection could result. These secondary infections could be much more severe than the influenza virus itself. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (Heaves) may often result from severe cases of influenza.

Vaccines for equine influenza are available to the veterinarian from many manufacturers. These vaccines provide adequate protection for only 60 to 90 days. It is recommended that horses at substantial risk of exposure to the virus (show horses, race horses, horses at boarding stables, etc.) be vaccinated every 60 to 90 days. Horses with little exposure to other horses may not require vaccination or might receive them annually or semiannually. This vaccine is often combined with other vaccines for tetanus, EEE, WEE and rhinopneumonitis. Mares should be vaccinated one month prior to foaling.

Strangles

Strangles is a highly communicable bacterial disease that primarily affects young horses, although older horses may contract the disease. The bacterial organism causes inflammation of the upper respiratory tract, and the lymph glands in the jaw and throat area become enlarged and swollen. Strangles is also known as "distemper" or "shipping fever."

The disease can be spread by nasal discharge that contaminates water troughs, feed bunks or pastures. Once the bacteria are present, they are persistent in the area for years. Horses also develop varying degrees of immunity once they have contracted strangles.

Symptoms of the disease are high body temperature (103 to 104F), swollen lymph glands, nasal discharge, cough and difficulty in swallowing. The lymph glands may abscess and burst. After rupture, the glands will produce a thick, cream-colored discharge. Some horses may develop pneumonia or internal abscesses.

Treatment recommendations for strangles may vary with each farm outbreak. Consult your veterinarian at the first possibility of the disease. All horses brought to a horse farm should be quarantined and all sick animals isolated. All feed buckets, water troughs, brushes, halters, and other

equipment or facilities that come into contact with infected horses should be disinfected.

Rabies

Rabies is a viral disease that is fatal to horses. Rabies is a result of an infected animal biting a horse on the muzzle, face or lower limb. Horses which may have contact with wildlife should be vaccinated. A vaccine is available for use in the horse, and annual boosters are recommended for horses in areas where rabies is a problem.

Equine Infectious Anemia

Equine infectious anemia (EIA) is a viral disease. The recognized test for EIA is the agar-gel immunodiffusion (AGID) test developed by LeeRoy Coggins. The test is not actually for the EIA virus but for antibodies developed to fight the disease. A horse that reacts positively to the test is classified as a carrier. The test is simple and accurate.

This viral disease has some unique characteristics. It is specific for the equine family (horse, ponies, mules), the infection is permanent, and there is no known cure. Furthermore, there is no preventative vaccine available to horse owners. Horses may show no signs of the disease or may die a few days after symptoms appear.

EIA is transmitted "blood-to-blood" by blood-sucking insects (flies and mosquitoes) and contaminated syringe needles. The incubation period is about 30 days but can be as long as 90 days. Since there can be a long incubation period and insects are still active through late fall, the best time to test for EIA is the winter months (January, February, March).

The EIA virus may occur in three different forms—acute, subacute and inapparent (chronic). Symptoms of the acute form of the disease include extremely high temperature (104 to 108F), depression, weakness, loss of appetite, drop in red blood cells and even death. The subacute form would show similar but less severe signs and seldom death. The inapparent carrier may just appear weak or unthrifty, or may be very normal.



Disaster Preparedness

Danger of fire will be extreme again this summer. Now is the time to consider and plan what to do if your property and horses are threatened and need to be evacuated. It's a good idea to get together with neighbors or members of your club or association and make plans ahead of time. Once a fire is bearing down upon a barn or corral, it may be too late.

Some things to consider:

Prepare your horses.

Some simple basic training is in order:

Make sure all of your animals are catchable.

Remember that the person trying to catch them may be a neighbor or a stranger.

Make sure that all of your horses are trained to load easily into a trailer. Remember that the trailer used in an emergency may be unfamiliar to them, so make sure they are comfortable in a variety of trailers.

Take photographs of your horses, and attach ID tags to halters, or write your name and phone number on neck bands, or even duct tape, on your horses. Keep your photographs and ownership documents together where you can get to them easily. Keep medical records on hand, too, especially for horses that require special medication or care. It's a good idea to keep a second set of these documents (or photocopies) in another location—or in your truck.

Keep an adequate number of halters and lead ropes in a visible location where they can be found by rescuers.

Prepare your trailer and truck.

Make sure your trailer is in good working order and that its tires are inflated.

Make sure your truck is fueled and ready to go.

If you do not have a truck and/or trailer, make arrangements before a crisis to have a neighbor, friend, or club member come for your horses.

Have a plan and a place to go.

Know your destination and more than one way to get there. If you have four horses and a two-horse trailer, identify a safe place where you can drop and secure the first two, so you can return for the others.

Identify beforehand places such as fairgrounds, race-tracks, farms and humane associations that might be likely

places of refuge for your horses. Contact these places and find out if they are willing and able to harbor horses in case of emergency.

Keep written instructions and familiarize your neighbors with your wishes in case you are not there and someone else has to move the animals. Include such information as "There is a donkey and a palomino gelding in the pen behind the barn."

If evacuation is not possible, it may be necessary to decide whether to turn your animals loose or keep them contained. Make sure they wear proper identification if you decide to turn them loose.

Some other things to consider:

Keep your property clear of brush, loose hay and other fire hazards to minimize the chance of fire spreading close to your barn or house.

If you are willing to help evacuate or house horses during a crisis, make this known to public agencies, neighbors, and members of clubs you belong to.

Remember that the Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico are an excellent resource and can offer help during emergencies. Get to know them.

If you find or take in horses for someone else, keep them separated from your own horses. Let authorities know what animals you have.

Remember that wells and automatic waterers will not function if electricity is lost, so plan for another source, or draw sufficient water to see you through a crisis.

Get to know your neighbors and the people who live in your general area. Find out what their own evacuation needs will be in case of fire, so that you can help out if needed.

Use your club or equine organization to draw up community plans aimed at saving livestock in the event of fire.

Exercise caution to prevent fires from starting in the first place. Be alert to smoke. Fires can travel quickly when conditions are dry and winds are up.

Pray for rain.



Calendar of Events

APRIL

EVERY SUNDAY

HABANEROS POLOCROSSE PRACTICE, 1 p.m., 20 Farless Lane, Los Lunas. All are welcome, gear not necessary for practice. Info: 866-0150

2 - 6 CATTLE DRIVE with John Moore, Disappointment Valley, Slick Rock, Colo. Info: John or Erika Moore, 970-564-9678

3 CURT PATE DEMO, Santa Fe Horse Park. 6:30 p.m. Free, in conjunction w/Purina Equine Education Seminar. Sponsored by San Marcos Feed Store, Santa Fe. Info: 471-9298

4 CURT PATE DEMO, Valencia County Sheriffs Posse Arena, Belen. Sponsored by Old Mill Farm & Ranch Supply. Info: 865-5432

5 - 6 NMRHA REINING COMPETITION, Santa Fe Horse Park, Santa Fe. Info: Elizabeth Moore, 299-7655 or NMRHA@aol.com

5 - 7 NM RODEO QUEENS CLINIC. Limited to 50 girls. Info: Carole Lewis, 281-1087. Also www.nmrqc.com or 281-6559

6 HORSEMAN'S ASSN. OF SOUTHERN NM, Open Show, Otero County Fairgrounds, Alamogordo. Info: Jeff, 585-8527, or Joan Blake, 585-4488

6 DRESSAGE SHOW, Carlsbad Horseman's Association. Eddy County Sheriffs Posse Arena. Info: Eve Flanigan, 885-3510

6 JACKPOT REINING, Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: Santa Fe Reiners, 473-0905, e-mail sfreiners@mindspring.com. Website: www.sfreiners.com

6 COMMUNITY BARN DAY, Westside Equestrian Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 5400 Montano NW, Albuquerque. Demos, refreshments, horseback rides. Info: Kathy, 897-2842 or ppb@falter.com

6 HAPPY TRAILS TRAIL RIDES. Informal rides, 1st & 3rd Saturday each month. Various locations w/in 2 hours trailering, many different trails, some overnights. Open to anyone w/horses. Info: Ellie Robinson, Sandia Park, 281-2190

6 3rd ANNUAL SMS JUNIOR RODEO, Socorro County Fairgrounds, Socorro. Info: Tawsha Jacobs, 838-4993

6 - 7 HIGH SCHOOL RODEO, Heritage Rodeo Arena, Moriarty. Info: 832-4406

6 - 7 PARELLI NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP LEVEL 1 CLINIC with Randal Moore, a 3-Star PNH Instructor. Ground skills & riding. Hosted by Four Hills Ranch in Albuquerque. Info: Randal, 970-227-1180, www.randalmoore.com

7 NM BUCKSKIN Assn. ALL-BREED SHOW, ABRA show, doubled judged. Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn. Arena. Info: Sharon Eastman, 869-2763, or Lynn, 896-0737

7 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Grants Rodeo Grounds, 11:30 a.m. Info: Noreen Canada, 287-8633

7 HORSEMEN'S EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR, with CURT PATE. Valencia County Sheriffs Posse Arena, Belen. Info: Old Mill Farm & Ranch Supply, 865-5432.

12 - 14 TRINITY ARABIAN SHOW, Alamogordo. Info: Stephanie Perez, 382-8267, or Audrey McDaniel, 437-9367

13 RANDALL DAVIS TRAINING WORKSHOP. Town & Country Arena, Albuquerque. Morning & afternoon sessions, tailored to individual needs. Info & additional dates & locations: Ellen or Randall, 505-330-5468

13 SCHOOLING SHOW, 4 Corners Dressage & Combined Training Assn., La Plata County Fairgrounds, Durango, Colo. Info: Mary Ann, 970-382-3485, or mtowsley@animas.net

13 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Deming Saddle Club, Deming, 10 a.m. Info: Tommy Perez, 531-2703

13 ROPING, Turn 'n Burn Team Roping Assn., C & E Arena, Belen. Info: John English, 864-3579, or Herman Coffey, 864-7624

13 ST. JUDE'S BENEFIT TRAIL RIDE & Arena Fun, Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn. Arena, Bosque Farms. Info: Lana Fastnacht, 869-4438

13 - 14 NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP & DRESSAGE CLINIC with Ellie Stine-Masek, Las Cruces. Info: M. Coombs, 382-7510

13 - 14 HIGH SCHOOL RODEO, Carlsbad

13 - 14 NM CUTTING HORSE ASSN. COMPETITION, Artesia. 8 a.m. Info: Helen Tompkins, 633-2858

13 - 14 COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE. The Water Boy Ride, Farmington. North American Trail Ride Conference. Info: Paul Cortez, 327-7783 or Billy Smith, 327-1933

13 - 14 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RODEO, NM Rodeo Assn., Las Vegas, NM. Info: Dawn Tarpley, 286-9205

13 - May 18 VAULTING CLINIC (including adaptive vaulting for the disabled), six weeks long. Highland Meadow Vaulters, Laguna, NM. 10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. Info: Lynda Laursen, 831-2423 or HMVaulters@bigplanet.com

14 PINTO & ALL-BREED SHOW, Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn. Arena. Approved show. 8 a.m. Info: 865-6568 or 869-6908

14 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Jake McClure Arena, Lovington, 1 p.m. Info: Rebecca Hughes, 394-1911

19 - 21 88th ANNUAL OLD TIMERS CELEBRATION. Deming. 546-9074

20 GYMKHANA, Las Cruces Horseman's Assn. 9 a.m. Info: Justin or Dina Tharp, 526-7183, or Wanda Wong, 382-3774

20 SADDLE UP TRAIL RIDE to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Moriarty. Info: Mary Jo Wallen, 832-6783

Calendar of Events Continued

20 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, Horsemen's Feed & Supply, Albuquerque. Info: 792-8225

20 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Eddy County Sheriff's Posse Arena, Carlsbad, 2 p.m. Info: Ann Daniels, 887-0597

20 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Deming Saddle Club, Deming, 10 a.m. Info: Tommy Perez, 531-2703

20 HAPPY TRAILS TRAIL RIDES. Informal rides, 1st & 3rd Saturday each month. Various locations w/in 2 hours trailering, many different trails, some overnights. Open to anyone w/horses. Info: Ellie Robinson, Sandia Park, 281-2190

20 - 21 FRONTIER DAYS, Ft. Selden State Monument near Las Cruces. 526-8911

20 - 21 TRACY LERT CLINIC. Info: Colleen Rieder, 869-8244

20 - 21 FOUR CORNERS CUTTING HORSE CLUB Championship Series. Sky Ute Downs, Ignacio, Colo. 9 a.m. Info: Rick or Kathy Nixon, 505-325-6056, or Mark Darling, 970-563-3611

21 NM APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB SHOW, "Spring Into Summer," double-judged. NM State Fairground outdoor arena. Info: Alpha Russell, 898-9494 or alphaterry@bigfoot.com

21 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Grants Rodeo Grounds, 11:30 a.m. Info: Noreen Canada, 287-8633

21 SPRING SCHOOLING SHOW, Heartlane Farms, 6730 Rio Grande NW, Albuquerque. Info: Julie, 345-7072

21 HORSE SHOW, North Albuquerque Acres Horse Assn. Vista Sandia Park, 9:30 a.m. Info: Chris, 821-5642 or 321-4266

21 WESTERN SHOW, Carlsbad Horseman's Assn. NM Horse Shows Assn. approved. Eddy County Sheriffs Posse Arena. Info: Sally Jackson, 887-1768 or Wilma Harper, 885-8563

21 NM BUSINESSMAN'S TEAM ROPING ASSN. ROPING, Truth or Consequences, City Arena. Info: Scott Eschenbrenner, 523-2812 (day) or 524-9269 (eve), or Brenner@zianet.com. www.nmbtra.com

21 OPEN HOUSE, BOMAR EQUINE RESCUE, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Belen. Info: Marguerite, 861-0659

21 OPEN HORSE SHOW, Tri-State Open Horse Show Assn., Lavas Terra Firma, Amarillo, TX. Info: Cindy Taute, 806-358-9621, or Cyndy Reynolds, 806-647-3255

21 - 22 HIGH SCHOOL RODEO, Gallup

24 TALK, "Chiropractic for Horses," Dr. Sherry Gaber, DC. At monthly meeting of Horses, Naturally!, 10 a.m., Community Room, DeVargas Center Mall, Santa Fe. Free. Info: Margaret, 986-8658 or Sheila, 483-6205

26 - 28 HIGH SCHOOL RODEO, Alamogordo

27 RANDALL DAVIS TRAINING WORKSHOP. Town & Country Arena, Albuquerque. Morning & afternoon sessions, tailored to individual needs. Info & additional dates & locations: Ellen or Randall, 505-330-5468

27 BEGINNER DRIVING CLINIC, Enchantment Driving Society. 9-noon, Beginners; 1-3, show etiquette & reinsmanship. North Valley Equestrian Center, 9521 Rio Grande NW, Albuquerque. Info: 873-8600

27 NM PROFESSIONAL HORSESHOERS ASSN. CLINIC by Dr. George Platt, DVM, on "Founder, Navicular, and Heartbar." Radisson Hotel, Albuquerque

27 4-H CELEBRATION TRAIN, from Santa Fe to Lamy, to celebrate national 4-H Centennial. 10 a.m., Santa Fe. Info: Darlene Dickson, 646-1166

27 - 28 AMIGOS DE DRESSAGE SHOW, USA EQ/USDF/Paso del Norte Dressage Assn. Sunland, NM. Info: Donna Hedicke, 682-3302, or Lorraine Williams, 915-857-1402 or megahorus2@aol.com

27 - 28 BERNIE TRAUIG CLINIC, Hunter/Jumper. Ruidoso, Equibest Equestrian Center. Info: Sharon, 336-7090

27 - 28 WESTERN/ENGLISH HORSE SHOW, Pecos Valley Horsemen, Roswell. Info: Jane Nevarez, 622-5348

27 - 28 DRESSAGE IN THE 4 CORNERS, USA EQ/USDF/Western Slope recognized. Introductory through Grand Prix classes. McGee Park, San Juan County Fairgrounds, near Farmington. Info: Hugh A. Towsley, 970-382-3485 or mtowsley@animas.net.

27 - 28 14TH ANNUAL WATERMELON MOUNTAIN PONY CLUB/YOUNG RIDER HORSE TRIALS AND COMBINED TEST, Albuquerque. Info: Diane Armijo, 821-8805, or dmarmijo@rodey.com. Website: www.watermelonponyclub.com

28 HORSE PLAY DAY, Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn., 1:30 p.m., Bosque Farms Rodeo Arena. Leadline, novice, and intermediate; barrels, poles, flags + fun events. Info: Wendy Honeyfield, 440-9646, or the BFRA office, 869-2096.

MAY

EVERY SUNDAY

HABANEROS POLOCROSSE PRACTICE, 1 p.m., 20 Farless Lane, Los Lunas. All are welcome, gear not necessary for practice. Info: 866-0150

2 - 4 ZIA CLASSIC, Class A Arabian show, NM State Fairgrounds. Info: Jim Porcher, 867-8344 or jsporcher@aol.com

2 - 5 RIO GRANDE HORSE ASSN. SPRING SHOW, "C." NM State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque. Info: Ann Mulhern, 897-8100, or Ann Busby Rosenberg, 898-8355, or download premium from www.nmhja.com

4 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Catron County Fairgrounds, Reserve, Texas, 12 noon. Info: Lois Goodwin, 539-2215

4 JACKPOT REINING, La Boca Negra Equestrian Center, Albuquerque. Info: Santa Fe Reiners, 473-0905, e-mail sfreiners@mindspring.com. Website: www.sfreiners.com

4 HAPPY TRAILS TRAIL RIDES. Informal rides, 1st & 3rd Saturday each month. Various locations w/in 2 hours trailering, many different trails, some overnights. Open to anyone w/horses. Info: Ellie Robinson, Sandia Park, 281-2190

4 - 5 HUNTER/JUMPER SHOW, Carlsbad Horseman's Assn. Approved by SW Hunter/Jumper Assn. & NM Horse Shows Assn. Eddy County Sheriffs Posse Arena. Info: Eve Flanigan, 885-3510, or Wilma Harper, 885-8563

4 - 5 HIGH SCHOOL RODEO, Silver City

4 - 5 CIVIL WAR WEEKEND, El Rancho de las Golondrinas, near Santa Fe. 471-2261

5 NM BUCKSKIN Assn. ALL-BREED SHOW, ABRA show, doubled judged. Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn. Arena. Info: Sharon Eastman, 869-2763, or Lynn, 896-0737

5 OPEN HORSE SHOW, Tri-State Open Horse Show Assn., Golden Horse Training Center, Amarillo, TX. Info: Cindy Taute, 806-358-9621, or Cyndy Reynolds, 806-647-3255

5 ZIA CLASSIC AMATEUR ALL ARABIAN HORSE SHOW, Horse Arena, NM State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque. Info: Jim Porcher, 867-8344 or 898-7810 or jsporch@aol.com

5 SCHOOLING SHOW, Southwestern Dressage Assn. Cowboy Polo Grounds, South Coors Blvd., Albuquerque. Info: Colleen Rieder, 869-8244.

11 TRAIL RIDE to benefit The Horse Shelter. Two ride options: long & short. \$60 includes luncheon; \$30 for luncheon only. Cerrillos. Info: 984-3235

11 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Deming Saddle Club, Deming, 10 a.m. Info: Tommy Perez, 531-2703

11 WESTERN HORSE SHOW, Carlsbad Quarter Horse Club, Carlsbad. Info: Becky Weems, 236-6367

11 HUNTER/JUMPER SCHOOLING SHOW, Annon's Equestrian Center, Santa Fe. Info: James Annon, 424-0518

11 ROPING, Turn 'n Burn Team Roping Assn., C & E Arena, Belen. Info: John English, 864-3579, or Herman Coffey, 864-7624

11 - 12 HIGH SCHOOL RODEO, Mescalero

11 - 12 COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE. Navajo Lake Ride, Navajo Lake, NM. North American Trail Ride Conference. Info: Russ Jones, 334-3156

12 PINTO & ALL-BREED SHOW, Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn. Arena. Approved show. 8 a.m. Info: 865-6568 or 869-6908

12 HORSEMAN'S ASSN. OF SOUTHERN NM, Open Show, Alamogordo. Info: Joan Blake, 585-4488

12 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Grants Rodeo Grounds, 11:30 a.m. Info: Noreen Canada, 287-8633

17 - 19 BRAD CAMERON MULEMANSHIP CLINIC. Bernalillo County Sheriffs Posse Arena, Albuquerque. Info: Connie, 866-6504

18 GYMKHANA, Las Cruces Horseman's Assn. 3 p.m. Info: Justin or Dina Tharp, 526-7183, or Wanda Wong, 382-3774

18 ENCHANTMENT DRIVING SOCIETY FUN SHOW. Vista Sandia Equestrian Park, North Albuquerque Acres. Driving & riding classes. Starts at 9:30. Info: Karon Ely, 281-0330, or Janice Tichy, 822-7946.

18 HAPPY TRAILS TRAIL RIDES. Informal rides, 1st & 3rd Saturday each month. Various locations w/in 2 hours trailering, many different trails, some overnights. Open to anyone w/horses. Info: Ellie Robinson, Sandia Park, 281-2190

18 HOOFEATS & TREATS, a day of horses, food, and fun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Santa Fe Horse Park. To benefit NM Children's Foundation. Tickets & info: 986-2043

18 - 19 DRESSAGE SHOW, Dances with Horses II. USA EQ/USDF/SDA. NM State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque. Info: Tiana Scott, 323-1697

18 - 19 SPRING FIESTA MINIATURE HORSE SHOW, Indoor Horse Arena, NM State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque. Info: Gwynne, 866-7865 or minifarmer@sprint-mail.com, or Lois Seibel, 345-2244. Website: www.miniaturehorsesofnm.com

18 - 19 JOHN MOORE HORSEMANSHIP SEMINAR, Durango. Info: 970-564-9678, e-mail: johnm@fone.net, website: www.johnmoore4horses.com

19 AMERICAN WARMBLOOD SOCIETY (AWS) INSPECTION. AWS is a performance horse registry open to all breeds. Sahara Spirit Arabians, Bosque Farms. Info: Linda Dowling, 869-6796 (eve) or 796-3715 (days) or Linda_Dowling@excite.com. AWS: (501) 893-2777, www.americanwarmblood.org.

19 HORSE PLAY DAY, Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn., 1:30 p.m., Bosque Farms Rodeo Arena. Leadline, novice, and intermediate; barrels, poles, flags + fun events. Info: Wendy Honeyfield, 440-9646, or the BFRA office, 869-2096.

19 NM BUSINESSMAN'S TEAM ROPING ASSN. ROPING, Glencoe Rural Events Center, Glenco. Info: Scott Eschenbrenner, 523-2812 (day) or 524-9269 (eve), or Brenner@zianet.com. www.nmbtra.com

22 - 26 SANDIA CLASSIC I, Hunter/Jumper show. "A" Info: Isabelle Marino, 897-4451

24 EQUINE ART SHOW OPENING: "Horses through the Eyes of the Artist," opening reception 5-7 p.m., Patricia Carlisle Fine Art, 554 Canyon Road, Santa Fe. Info: 820-0596

25 ENGLISH CLINIC, Northern NM Horsemen's Assn., Santa Fe. Info: 473-1253

25 - 26 NM PALOMINO EXHIBITORS ASSN. SHOW, NM State Fairgrounds outside arena, Albuquerque. Double judged. Info: Shelley, 832-6867, www.nmpea.com

25 - 26 COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTING COMPETITION, Santa Fe Horse Park, Santa Fe. Info: Marla Kokesh, 424-7400

25 - 26 4-H RODEO, Santa Fe. Info: nm4hrodeo@hotmail.com

25 - 26 4TH ANNUAL HABANERO POLOCROSSE TOURNAMENT. Location to be announced. Info: Willy Van Sumeren, 877-5039, or 866-0150

25 - 27 NM CUTTING HORSE ASSN. Competition, Conways Indoor Arena, Ribera, NM. 8 a.m. Info: Helen Tompkins, 633-2858

26 NM DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING Assn. SCHOOLING SHOW. Info: Jo Marley, 265-6885 or Jomarley@swcp.com

Calendar of Events Continued

29 - June 2 SANDIA CLASSIC II, Hunter/Jumper show. "A" Info: Isabelle Marino, 897-4451

31 - June 2 FOUR CORNERS CUTTING HORSE CLUB, NCHA Days at T-Cross Ranch, Colorado Springs, Colo. Info: Rick or Kathy Nixon, 505-325-6056, or Mark Darling, 970-563-3611

JUNE

EVERY SUNDAY

HABANEROS POLOCROSSE PRACTICE, 1 p.m., 20 Farless Lane, Los Lunas. All are welcome, gear not necessary for practice. Info: 866-0150

1 FOAL SHOWCASE/OPEN BARN, Larrabee Appaloosas, Corrales. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Info: 897-8121 or LarrabeeApp@aol.com. Website: www.LarrabeeAppaloosas.com

1 HUNTER/JUMPER SHOW, Carlsbad Horseman's Assn. Approved by SW Hunter/Jumper Assn. & NM Horse Shows Assn. Eddy County Sheriffs Posse Arena. Info: Eve Flanigan, 885-3510, or Wilma Harper, 885-8563

1 HAPPY TRAILS TRAIL RIDES. Informal rides, 1st & 3rd Saturday each month. Various locations w/in 2 hours trailering, many different trails, some overnights. Open to anyone w/horses. Info: Ellie Robinson, Sandia Park, 281-2190

1 - 2 NM CARRIAGE ASSN. & ENCHANTMENT DRIVING SOCIETY East Mountain Competition. Info: JoyAnn, 864-1229, or 873-8600

1 - 2 TRACY LERT CLINIC. Info: Colleen Rieder, 869-8244

1 - 3 REGION 4 VAULTING CHAMPIONSHIPS & SHOW, Bernalillo Co. Sheriffs Posse Arena, Albuquerque. Competition 9 a.m.-5 p.m. is free. "Night of the Stars" show, 7 p.m., June 1 is \$3 per car load. Info: 898-6185 or 720-6185

2 NM BUCKSKIN ASSN. ALL-BREED SHOW, ABRA show, doubled judged. Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn. Arena. Info: Sharon Eastman, 869-2763, or Lynn, 896-0737

2 DRESSAGE SHOW, Carlsbad Horseman's Assn. Eddy County Sheriffs Posse Arena. Info: Eve Flanigan, 885-3510

2 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Grants Rodeo Grounds, 11:30 a.m. Info: Noreen Canada, 287-8633

3 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

5 - 9 NM HIGH SCHOOL RODEO FINALS, Gallup

8 HERITAGE 35/55 RIDE, AERC sanctioned 55-mile Endurance Ride & AERC sanctioned 35-mile Limited Distance Ride. Reserve, NM. Info: Ride manager Lif Strand, 773-4897 or e-mail fasterhorses@gilanet.com or website www.fasterhorses.com

8 WESTERN HORSE SHOW, Carlsbad Quarter Horse Club, Carlsbad. Info: Becky Weems, 236-6367

8 WESTERN ROUND-UP PARADE, Cloudcroft. 682-2733

8 ROPING, Turn 'n Burn Team Roping Assn., C & E Arena, Belen. Info: John English, 864-3579, or Herman Coffey, 864-7624

9 HORSE PLAY DAY, Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn., 1:30 p.m., Bosque Farms Rodeo Arena. Leadline, novice, and intermediate; barrels, poles, flags + fun events. Info: Wendy Honeyfield, 440-9646, or the BFRA office, 869-2096

9 OPEN HORSE SHOW, Tri-State Open Horse Show Assn., exact location pending, Amarillo, TX. Info: Cindy Taute, 806-358-9621, or Cyndy Reynolds, 806-647-3255

9 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Red Rock State Park, Gallup, 1 p.m. Info: Kim Stearns, 772-9613

9 ROPING, Santa Fe Horse Park, Santa Fe, 424-7400

14 CONCOURSE DE ELEGANCE, Santa Fe Horse Park, Santa Fe, 424-7400

12 - 15 LIONS CLUB RODEO, Gallup. 863-3841

15 WESTERN CLINIC, Northern NM Horsemen's Assn., Santa Fe. Info: 473-1253

15 CLINIC: "Judging Western Horses" by Christina Fleming. Sponsored by Northern NM Horseman's Assn. Info: NNMHA, 473-1253, or Christina Fleming, 424-0093 or NMVaquera@aol.com.

15 REINING, NRHA sanctioned. Santa Fe Reiners. Info: 473-0905, e-mail sfreiners@mindspring.com. Website: www.sfreiners.com

15 HAPPY TRAILS TRAIL RIDES. Informal rides, 1st & 3rd Saturday each month. Various locations w/in 2 hours trailering, many different trails, some overnights. Open to anyone w/horses. Info: Ellie Robinson, Sandia Park, 281-2190

15 GYMKHANA, Las Cruces Horseman's Assn. 3 p.m. Info: Justin or Dina Tharp, 526-7183, or Wanda Wong, 382-3774

15 - 16 OUTBACK POLO TOURNAMENT, Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: 424-7400

16 ARABIAN HORSE ASSN. OF NM ALL-BREED TRAINING SHOW, New Mexico State Fairground Dairy Barn. Info: Marvin Solsrud, 281-5525

17 - 22 VAULTING CLINIC (including adaptive vaulting for the disabled). 10-11:30 a.m. Highland Meadows Vaulters, Laguna, NM. Info: Lynda Laursen, 831-2423 or HMVaulters@bigplanet.com

18 - 22 CUTTING CLINIC: A Week with the Stars (Shannon Hall, Tommy Marvin, Bill Riddle, Doug Jordan, Terry Riddle). Cimarron, NM. Info: Anne Riddle, RR1 Box 61, Ringling, OK 73456; phone 580-662-2180; fax 580-662-2893.

19 - 22 RODEO DE SANTA FE. Parade, PRCA rodeo, children's mutton busting & calf scramble. The Rodeo Grounds, 3237 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe. Info: 471-4300, www.rodeodesantafe.org.

21 - 23 COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTING COMPETITION, "Revenge of Montezuma," Cortez, Colo. Info: 970-565-8479 or stage1@fone.net

22 - 23 KAREN HEALEY CLINIC, Hunter/Jumper. Ruidoso, Equibest Equestrian Center. Info: Sharon, 336-7090

22 - 23 LOS AMIGOS 4-H CLUB HORSE SHOW, Heritage Rodeo Arena, Moriarty. Info: 832-4406

22 - 23 FIESTA DE DRESSAGE, NM Dressage & Combined Training Assn. Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: Donald Simpson, 344-0680 or dsimpson62@aol.com

22 - 23 NM BUSINESSMAN'S TEAM ROPING ASSN. ROPING, NM State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque. Info: Scott Eschenbrenner, 523-2812 (day) or 524-9269 (eve), or Brenner@zianet.com. www.nmbtra.com

22 - 23 POLO: SANDIA TRAILER CUP. Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: 424-7400

23 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Grants Rodeo Grounds, 11:30 a.m. Info: Noreen Canada, 287-8633

23 EARLY SUMMER SCHOOLING SHOW, Heartlane Farms, 6730 Rio Grande NW, Albuquerque. Info: Julie, 345-7072

24 - 28 THE HORSE GATHERING, with Mark Rashid. Estes Park, Colo. Info: consideringthehorse@yahoo.com or www.markrashid.com.

24 - 28 CUTTING CLINIC: A Week with the Stars (Shannon Hall, Tommy Marvin, Bill Riddle, Doug Jordan, Terry Riddle). Cimarron, NM. Info: Anne Riddle, RR1 Box 61, Ringling, OK 73456; phone 580-662-2180; fax 580-662-2893.

24 - 29 VAULTING CLINIC (including adaptive vaulting for the disabled). 10-11:30 a.m. Highland Meadows Vaulters, Laguna, NM. Info: Lynda Laursen, 831-2423 or HmVaulters@bigplanet.com

29 - 30 NM PALOMINO EXHIBITORS ASSN. SHOW, NM State Fairgrounds outside arena, Albuquerque. Double judged. Info: Shelley, 832-6867, www.nmpea.com.

29 - 30 RANCHO ECOJOBE POLO TOURNAMENT, Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: 424-7400

JULY

EVERY SUNDAY

HABANEROS POLOCROSSE PRACTICE, 1 p.m., 20 Farless Lane, Los Lunas. All are welcome, gear not necessary for practice. Info: 866-0150

4 - 6 NMCHA CUTTING COMPETITION, Santa Fe Horse Park, Santa Fe, 424-7400

5 - 7 NEW MEXICO HORSE FAIR, featuring clinicians Clinton Anderson (Downunder Horsemanship), Curt Pate, Dan Sumerel, and Dan Greenewald; seminars, demonstrations, entertainment. NM State Fairground. To participate, call David Lewiecki, 286-3711

6 - 7 (July 4th weekend) DESPERADOS 4-H CLUB RODEO, Heritage Rodeo Arena, Moriarty. Info: 832-4406

5 - 20 VAULTING CLINIC (including adaptive vaulting for the disabled). 10-11:30 a.m. Highland Meadows Vaulters, Laguna, NM. Info: Lynda Laursen, 831-2423 or HmVaulters@bigplanet.com

6 HAPPY TRAILS TRAIL RIDES. Informal rides, 1st & 3rd Saturday each month. Various locations w/in 2 hours trailering, many different trails, some overnights. Open to anyone w/horses. Info: Ellie Robinson, Sandia Park, 281-2190

6 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Grants Rodeo Grounds, 11:30 a.m. Info: Noreen Canada, 287-8633

6 - 7 POLO: STARS & STRIPES CHALLENGE, Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: 424-7400

6 - Aug 10 VAULTING CLINIC (including adaptive vaulting for the disabled), six weeks long. Highland Meadow Vaulters, Laguna, NM. 10-11:30 a.m. Info: Lynda Laursen, 831-2423 or HmVaulters@bigplanet.com

7 NM BUCKSKIN ASSN. ALL-BREED SHOW, ABRA show, doubled judged. Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn. Arena. Info: Sharon Eastman, 869-2763, or Lynn, 896-0737

7 OPEN HORSE SHOW, Tri-State Open Horse Show Assn., exact location pending, Amarillo, TX. Info: Cindy Taute, 806-358-9621, or Cyndy Reynolds, 806-647-3255

13 WESTERN HORSE SHOW, Carlsbad Quarter Horse Club, Carlsbad. Info: Beck Weems, 236-6367

13 - 14 POLO: RANCHO DELUXE PERPETUAL CUP, Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: 424-7400

13 - 14 COWBOY'S NEW YEAR RODEO, Red River Riding Club, Red River Arena. Info: Rick Bailey, 754-2736

14 PINTO SHOW, Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn. Arena. Approved show. 9 a.m. Info: 865-6568 or 869-6908

14 ENGLISH SCHOOLING SHOW, Northern NM Horsemen's Assn., Santa Fe. Info: 473-1253

20 REINING, NRHA sanctioned. Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: Santa Fe Reiners, 473-0905, e-mail sfreiners@mindspring.com. Website: www.sfreiners.com

20 GYMKHANA, Las Cruces Horseman's Assn. 3 p.m. Info: Justin or Dina Tharp, 526-7183, or Wanda Wong, 382-3774

20 SCHOOLING SHOW, Southwestern Dressage Assn. Cedar Hill Farm, Estancia. Info: Fernando Montoya, 384-1174

20 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Waldroup Arena, Kirtland. 6 p.m. Info: Kathy Price, 632-9790

20 HAPPY TRAILS TRAIL RIDES. Informal rides, 1st & 3rd Saturday each month. Various locations w/in 2 hours trailering, many different trails, some overnights. Open to anyone w/horses. Info: Ellie Robinson, Sandia Park, 281-2190

20 ROPING, Turn 'n Burn Team Roping Assn., C & E Arena, Belen. Info: John English, 864-3579, or Herman Coffey, 864-7624

20 - 21 BERNIE TRAUIG CLINIC, Hunter/Jumper. Ruidoso, Equibest Equestrian Center. Info: Sharon, 336-7090

20 - 21 COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE. El Jinete Solitario, Durango, Colo. North American Trail Ride Conference. Info: Michelle Rowe, (970) 588-3616

20 - 21 POLO: ARK VETERINARY CHALLENGE, Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: 424-7400

20 - 22 MARTY MARTEN CLINIC, featuring cattle work and moonlight trail ride. Wind River Ranch, Watrous, NM. Info: Larry Humphreys, 425-1819, or Marty Marten, 303-665-5281

Calendar of Events Continued

21 HORSE PLAY DAY, Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn., 1:30 p.m., Bosque Farms Rodeo Arena. Leadline, novice, and intermediate; barrels, poles, flags + fun events. Info: Wendy Honeyfield, 440-9646, or the BFRA office, 869-2096.

21 - 27 YOUTH NATIONAL ARABIAN & HALF ARABIAN CHAMPIONSHIP HORSE SHOW, NM State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque. Info: IAHA, 303-696-4500

21 - 27 VAULTING CLINIC (including adaptive vaulting for the disabled). 10-11:30 a.m. Highland Meadows Vaulters, Laguna, NM. Info: Lynda Laursen, 831-2423 or HMVaulters@bigplanet.com

22 - 28 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL RODEO FINALS. Farmington, McGee Arena.

25 - 27 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP COWBOY POLO, Santa Fe Horse Park, Santa Fe, 424-7400

27 - 28 SW HUNTER JUMPER ASSN. SUMMER SHOW, Lubbock, TX. Info: Kathleen O'Shea, (806) 794-5888

27 - 28 POLO: NEW MEXICO CHALLENGE, Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: 424-7400

28 WESTERN SCHOOLING SHOW, Northern NM Horsemen's Assn., Santa Fe. Info: 473-1253

AUGUST

EVERY SUNDAY

HABANEROS POLOCROSSE PRACTICE, 1 p.m., 20 Farless Lane, Los Lunas. All are welcome, gear not necessary for practice. Info: 866-0150

2 - 4 OLD LINCOLN DAYS & PONY EXPRESS TRAIL RIDE, White Oaks to Lincoln, NM. Rental horses available for ride. Parade on Sunday. Info: Barbara, 648-2319 or e-mail dustyjo@tularosa.net

2 - 4 AQHA RIDE 2002, sponsored by NM Quarter Horse Assn. Open to all breeds. 3 days, or 1-day option. Whittington Center Ranch, Raton. Info: Jack McCormick, 281-3725

2 - 4 SANTA FE ARABIAN HORSE EVENT, Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: Marcia Kaminski, 286-1660.

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3 - 4 NM PALOMINO EXHIBITORS ASSN. SHOW, NM State Fairgrounds outside arena, Albuquerque. (Show on the 4th is in conjunction w/NM Paint Assn.) Double judged. Info: Shelley, 832-6867, www.nmpea.com

3 - 4 ROADRUNNER CLASSIC APPALOOSA HORSE SHOW, NM State Fairground Indoor Horse Arena. Info: Alpha Russell, 898-9494 or alphaterry@bigfoot.com

3 - 4 POLO: COMPLETE MORTGAGE, Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: 424-7400

3 - 4 SUMMER FESTIVAL & FRONTIER MARKET, El Rancho de las Golondrinas, near Santa Fe. 471-2261

3 - 5 NM HUNTER JUMPER ASSN. BEACH PARTY SHOW. "A." Info: Jeff Clark, 897-8244 or Isabelle Marino, 897-4451 or www.nmhja.com

4 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Grants Rodeo Grounds, 11:30 a.m. Info: Noreen Canada, 287-8633

8 - 10 4-H RODEO, Albuquerque. Info: nm4hrodeo@hotmail.com

9 - 11 ZIA REGIONAL RODEO, Bernalillo County Sheriffs Posse Arena, Albuquerque. NM Gay Rodeo Assn. Info: Rodeo Director Greg Baczek, 268-6361. www.nmgra.com

9 - 11 FOUR CORNERS CUTTING HORSE CLUB Championship Series. San Juan County Fairgrounds, Farmington, NM. Info: Rick or Kathy Nixon, 505-325-6056, or Mark Darling, 970-563-3611

10 ROPING, Turn 'n Burn Team Roping Assn., C & E Arena, Belen. Info: John English, 864-3579, or Herman Coffey, 864-7624

10 - 11 LOS ALAMOS COUNTY FAIR & RODEO. 662-8105

10 - 11 POLO: ROSALEA MURPHY MEMORIAL, Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: 424-7400

10 - 12 BERNALILLO COUNTY 4-H FAIR & RODEO, NM State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque. Rodeo is 7 p.m. nightly. Info: Bernalillo County Cooperative Extension Service, 243-1386

11 PINTO & ALL-BREED SHOW, Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn. Arena. Approved show. 8 a.m. Info: 865-6568 or 869-6908

12 - 17 SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIR, McGee Park, Farmington. 1-800-448-1240

13 - Sept. 4 ALL AMERICAN FUTURITY, Ruidoso Downs. 378-4431

16 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., Grants Rodeo Grounds, 11:30 a.m. Info: Noreen Canada, 287-8633

17 GYMKHANA, Las Cruces Horseman's Assn. 3 p.m. Info: Justin or Dina Tharp, 526-7183, or Wanda Wong, 382-3774

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17 WESTERN HORSE SHOW, Curry County Fair Assn., Clovis. Info: Mike or Peggy Burns, 389-1273

17 REINING, NRHA sanctioned. Santa Fe Reiners. Info: 473-0905, e-mail sfreiners@mindspring.com. Website: www.sfreiners.com

17 - 18 OPEN SHOW, Northern NM Horsemen's Assn., Santa Fe. Info: 473-1253

18 OPEN HORSE SHOW, Tri-State Open Horse Show Assn., Bill Cody Arena, Tri-State Fairgrounds, Amarillo, TX. Info: Cindy Taute, 806-358-9621, or Cyndy Reynolds, 806-647-3255

23 - 24 RODEO: Days of Thunder Rough Stock Series, Heritage Rodeo Arena, Moriarty. Info: 832-4406

24 WESTERN HORSE SHOW, Carlsbad Quarter Horse Club, Carlsbad. Info: Becky Weems, 236-6367

25 HORSE PLAY DAY, Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn., 1:30 p.m., Bosque Farms Rodeo Arena. Leadline, novice, and intermediate; barrels, poles, flags + fun events. Info: Wendy Honeyfield, 440-9646, or the BFRA office, 869-2096.

25 HORSEMAN'S ASSN. OF SOUTHERN NM, Open Show, Alamogordo. Info: Joan Blake, 585-4488

25 SUMMER SCHOOLING SHOW, Heartlane Farms, 6730 Rio Grande NW, Albuquerque. Info: Julie, 345-7072

30 - 31 DRESSAGE, Santa Fe Horse Park, Santa Fe, 424-7400

30 - 31 RODEO: Tuffer N Hell Rough Stock Series, Heritage Rodeo Arena, Moriarty. Info: 832-4406

31 - Sept. 1 POLO: SANDIA TRAILER CUP, Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: 424-7400

31 - Sept. 1 4-H RODEO STATE FINALS, Artesia. Info: nm4hrodeo@hotmail.com

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1 NM BUCKSKIN ASSN. ALL-BREED SHOW, ABRA show, doubled judged. Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn. Arena. Info: Sharon Eastman, 869-2763, or Lynn, 896-0737

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7 - 8 POLO: FIESTA TOURNAMENT, Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: 424-7400

8 SCHOOLING SHOW, Southwestern Dressage Assn. Bosque Farms, NM. Contact TBA.

8 WESTERN SHOW, Carlsbad Horseman's Assn. Approved by NM Horse Shows Assn. Eddy County Sheriffs Posse Arena. Info: Sally Jackson, 887-1768, or Wilma Harper, 885-8563

8 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., McGee Park, Farmington, 11:30 a.m. Info: Kathy Price, 632-9790

13 - 14 RODEO: Tuffer N Hell Rough Stock Series, Heritage Rodeo Arena, Moriarty. Info: 832-4406

13 - 15 PARELLI NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP SAVVY CONFERENCE, Pagosa Springs, Colorado. Reservations, tickets, info: 1-800-642-3335

13 - 15 FOUR CORNERS CUTTING HORSE CLUB Championship Series. Trinidad, Colo. (Tentative) Info: Rick or Kathy Nixon, 505-325-6056, or Mark Darling, 970-563-3611

14 GYMKHANA, Las Cruces Horseman's Assn. 3 p.m. Info: Justin or Dina Tharp, 526-7183, or Wanda Wong, 382-3774

14 ROPING, Turn 'n Burn Team Roping Assn., C & E Arena, Belen. Info: John English, 864-3579, or Herman Coffey, 864-7624

14 - 15 POLO: END OF TRAIL TOURNAMENT, Santa Fe Horse Park. Info: 424-7400

14 - Oct. 19 VAULTING CLINIC (including adaptive vaulting for the disabled), six weeks long. Highland Meadow Vaulters, Laguna, NM. 10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. Info: Lynda Laursen, 831-2423 or HMVaulters@bigplanet.com

18 REINING, NRHA sanctioned, NM State Fair. Info: Santa Fe Reiners, 473-0905, e-mail sfreiners@mindspring.com. Website: www.sfreiners.com

20 - 21 RODEO: Days of Thunder Rough Stock Series, Heritage Rodeo Arena, Moriarty. Info: 832-4406

21 11TH ANNUAL CORRALES RECREATIONAL RIDE. Info: Joanie McSweeney, 898-9775

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21 - 22 HUNTER/JUMPER SHOW, Tumbleweed Pony Club, Roswell. Info: Susan Bierwirth, 623-6455

22 BARREL RACING, National Barrel Horse Assn., McGee Park, Farmington, 11:30 a.m. Info: Kathy Price, 632-9790

22 FALL SCHOOLING SHOW, Heartlane Farms, 6730 Rio Grande NW, Albuquerque. Info: Julie, 345-7072

25 - 29 SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR, Las Cruces. 524-8602

28 - 29 HUNTER/JUMPER SHOW, Pecos Valley Horsemen, Roswell. Info: Jane Nevarez, 622-5348

28 - 29 CHOKECHERRY COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE, Farmington. North American Trail Ride Conference. Info: Mariel Webb, 438-9553

29 HORSE PLAY DAY, Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn., 1:30 p.m., Bosque Farms Rodeo Arena. Leadline, novice, and intermediate; barrels, poles, flags + fun events. Info: Wendy Honeyfield, 440-9646, or the BFRA office, 869-2096

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4 - 5 RODEO: Days of Thunder Rough Stock Series, Heritage Rodeo Arena, Moriarty. Info: 832-4406

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5 - 6 NM DRESSAGE, Santa Fe Horse Park, Santa Fe. Info: 424-7400

5 - 6 HUNTER/JUMPER SHOW, NM Horse Shows Assn., Dr. Dean Reynolds Scholarship Benefit, Carlsbad. Info: Janet Randeau, 347-5531

10 - 13 SOUTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO STATE FAIR, Deming. 546-2674

11 - 13 LINCOLN COUNTY COWBOY SYMPOSIUM, Ruidoso. 1-800-263-5929

12 ROPING, Turn 'n Burn Team Roping Assn., C & E Arena, Belen. Info: John English, 864-3579, or Herman Coffey, 864-7624

12 - 13 BEAN FIESTA RODEO, Heritage Rodeo Arena, Moriarty. Info: 832-4406

18 - 19 RODEO: Days of Thunder Rough Stock Series, Heritage Rodeo Arena. Info: 832-4406

19 GYMKHANA, Las Cruces Horseman's Assn. 9 a.m. Info: Justin or Dina Tharp, 526-7183, or Wanda Wong, 382-3774

19 ENCHANTMENT DRIVING SOCIETY Poker Rally. Info: Barb Peters, 873-4742

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19 - 20 COWBOY DAYS, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, Las Cruces. 522-4100

19 - 20 BERNIE TRAUIG CLINIC, Hunter/Jumper. Ruidoso, Equibest Equestrian Center. Info: Sharon, 336-7090

19 - 20 FOUR CORNERS CUTTING HORSE CLUB Championship Series. Sky Ute Downs, Ignacio, Colo. Info: Rick or Kathy Nixon, 505-325-6056, or Mark Darling, 970-563-3611

19 - 20 4TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL, Santa Fe Horse Park, Santa Fe. Info: 424-7400

20 HORSEMAN'S ASSN. OF SOUTHERN NM, Open Show, Alamogordo. Info: Joan Blake, 585-4488

20 OPEN HORSE SHOW, Tri-State Open Horse Show Assn., exact location pending, Amarillo, TX. Info: Cindy Taute, 806-358-9621, or Cyndy Reynolds, 806-647-3255

20 CHAMPIONSHIP SCHOOLING SHOW, Heartlane Farms, 6730 Rio Grande NW, Albuquerque. Info: Julie, 345-7072

30 - Nov. 3 NM HUNTER JUMPER ASSN. HARVEST FESTIVAL FINALE. Info: Isabelle Marino, 897-4451

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1 - 3 SW HUNTER/JUMPER ASSOCIATION FINALE SHOW, Lubbock, TX. Info: Kathleen O'Shea, (806) 794-5888

1 - 4 PEGGY CUMMINGS CONNECTED RIDING CLINIC, Albuquerque area. Info: Deborah Hollis, 352-7536

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3 SCHOOLING SHOW, Southwestern Dressage Assn. Bosque Farms Rodeo Assn. Arena. Info: Dianne Fay, 897-1428

9 ROPING, Turn 'n Burn Team Roping Assn. finals, Horsemen's Arena, Albuquerque. Info: John English, 864-3579, or Herman Coffey, 864-7634

14 - 17 7TH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RANCH RODEO, Working Ranch Cowboys Assn. Amarillo, TX. Info: Deb Brummett, WRCA Manager, (86) 374-9724, e-mail wrca@arn.net. Website: www.wrca.org

16 GYMKHANA, Las Cruces Horseman's Assn. 9 a.m. Info: Justin or Dina Tharp, 526-7183, or Wanda Wong, 382-3774

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17 DRESSAGE SHOW, Carlsbad Horseman's Assn. Eddy County Sheriffs Posse Arena. Info: Eve Flanigan, 885-3510

23 - 24 DRESSAGE CLINIC with Maryal Barnett, Albuquerque area. Info: Sue Ann Kirkby, 898-1654 (tentative, please check the November issue of The Horsemen's Voice)

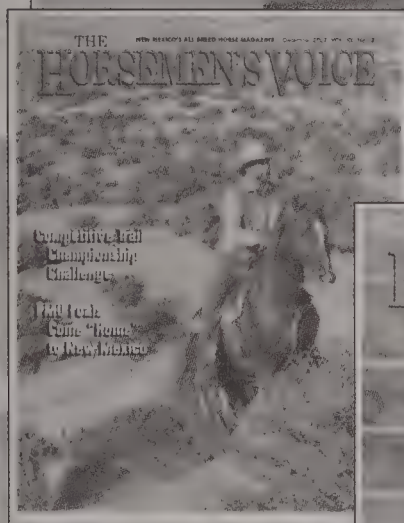
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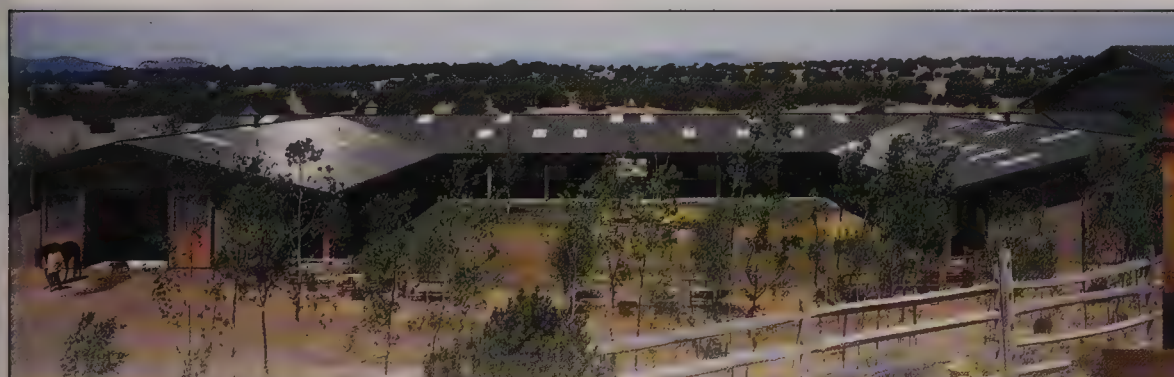

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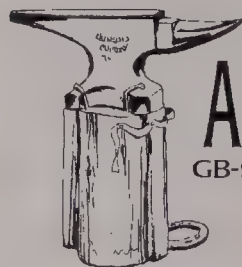
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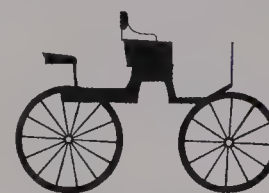
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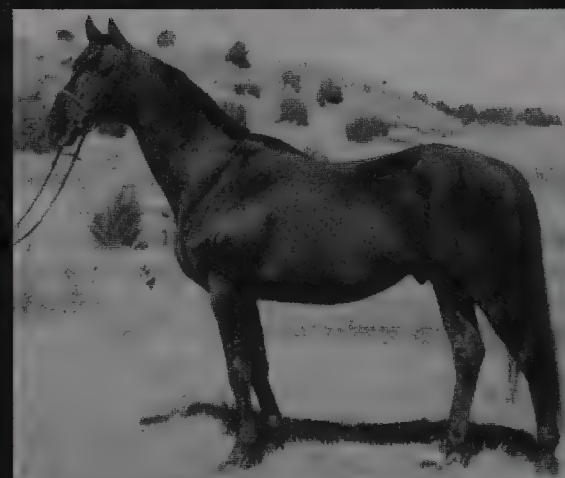
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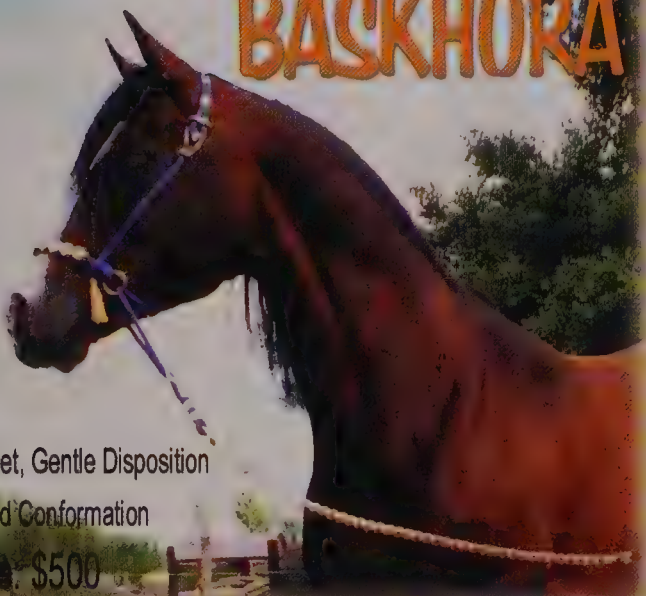
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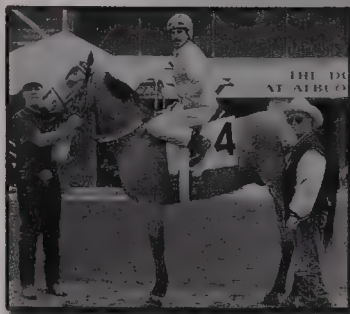
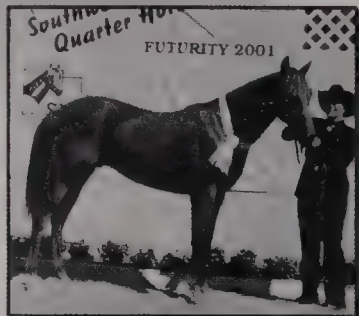
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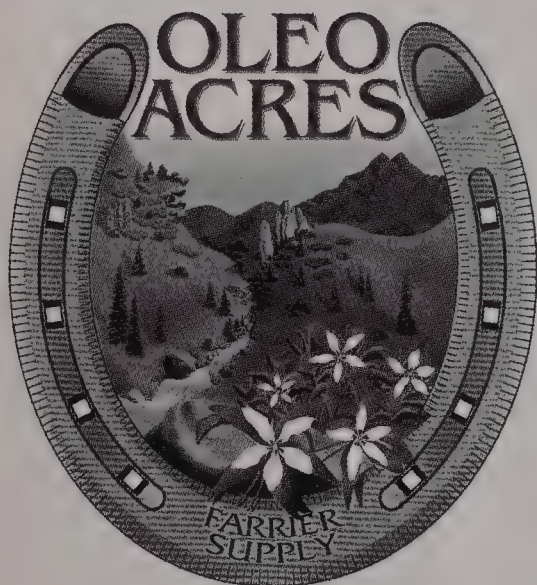
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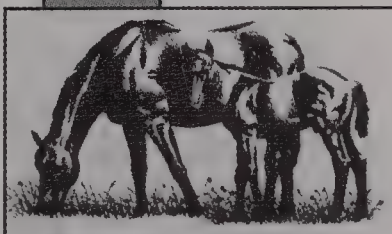
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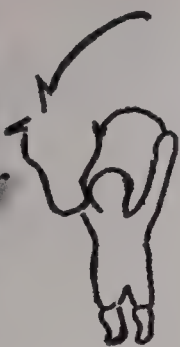
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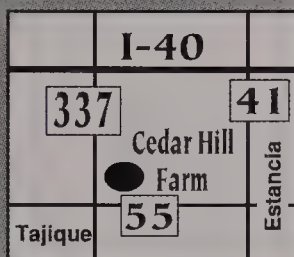


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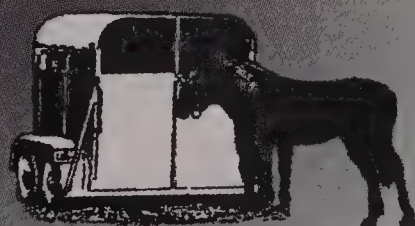
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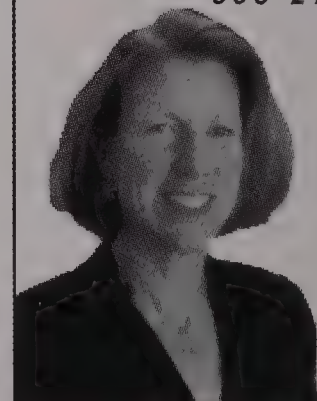
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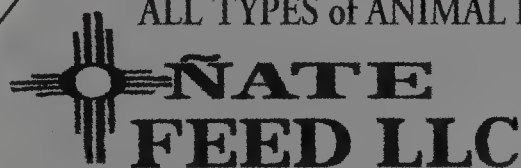
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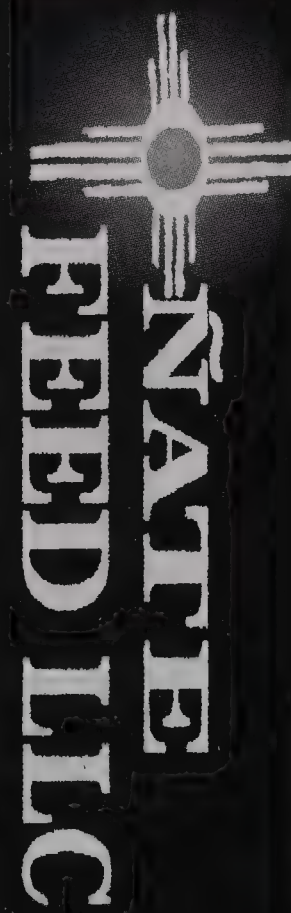
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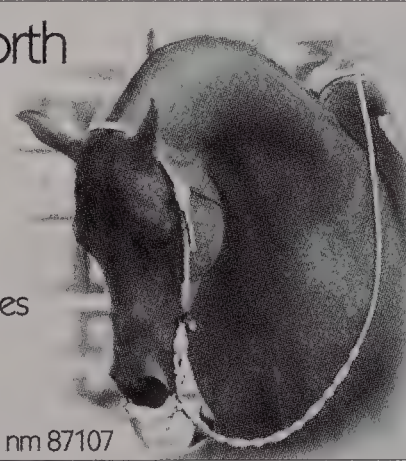
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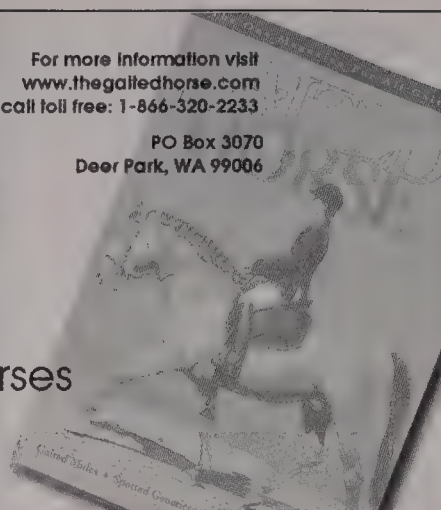
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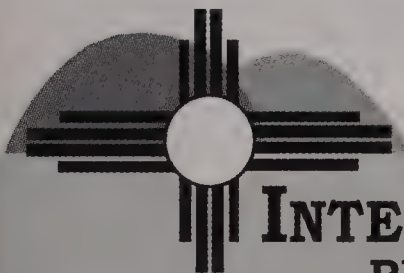
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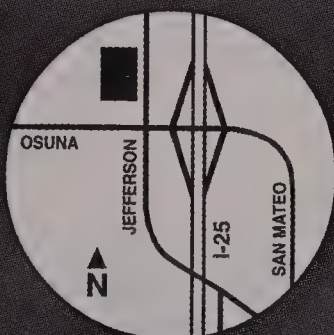


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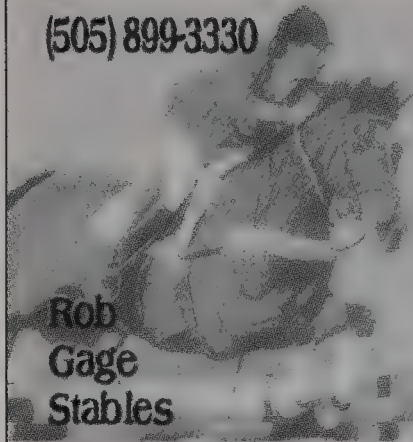
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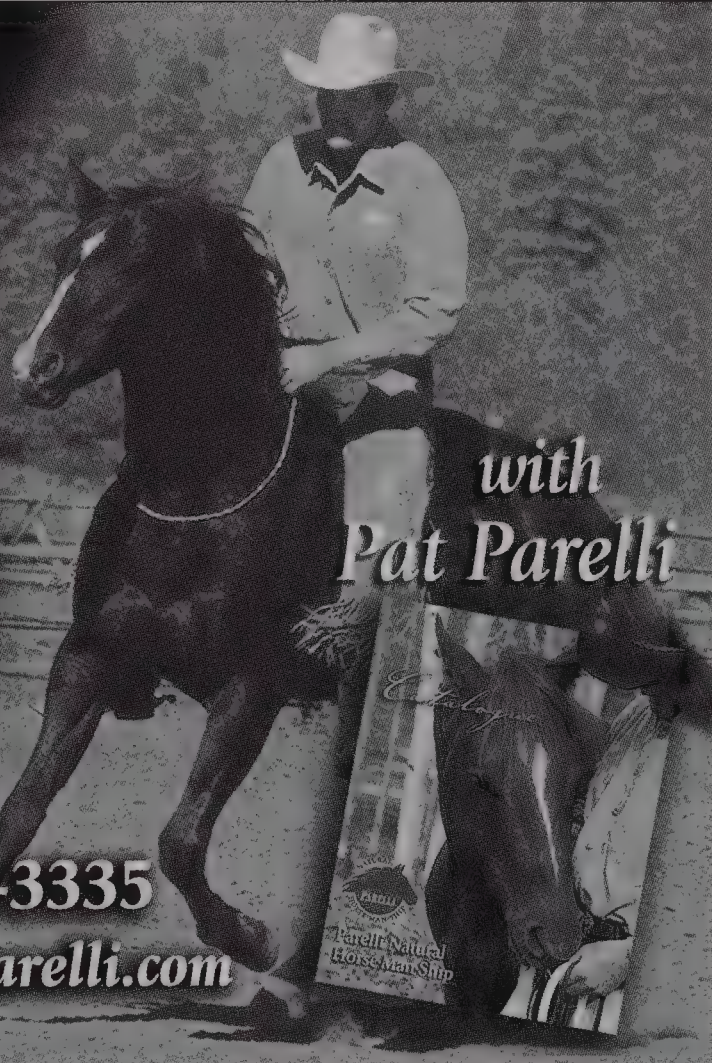
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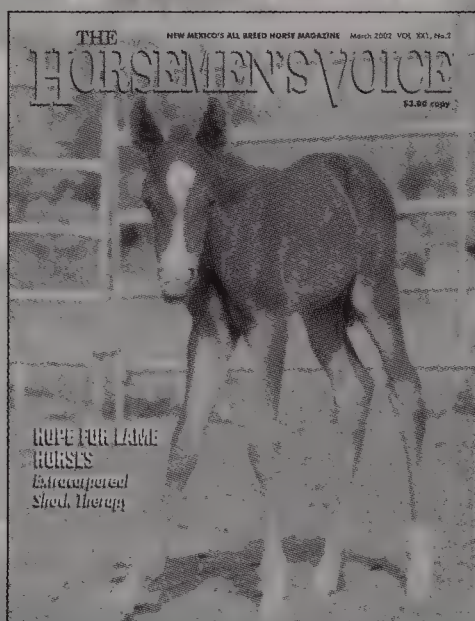
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Essential Information from the New Mexico Livestock Board

- Whether they are at home or on the road, all horses in New Mexico must be identified by either a New Mexico registered brand, breed registration papers, or a New Mexico Livestock Board Form 1-H (permanent inspection or "hauling card") issued by the Livestock Board.
- Prior to transporting, any horse in NM must be identified (see above) and inspected. The owner or transporter must have the horse inspected and be issued a NM Livestock Board Form 1 (one time certificate), or the transporter must have the permanent inspection card (NM Livestock Board Form 1-H) in the vehicle. The NM Livestock Board accepts permanent cards issued by other state brand inspection agencies in lieu of a NM inspection for out-of-state horses.
- Livestock Inspectors are empowered to make random stops of any vehicle that might be transporting livestock, to check for ownership papers. According to the Livestock Board, this practice is one reason that NM has one of the lowest rates of livestock theft in the nation. Failure to have proper documentation for an animal you are hauling can result in the animal's being seized and impounded, until ownership can be proven.
- A NM Livestock Board Form 1-H (permanent inspection card) costs \$30, is issued by a Livestock Inspector, and is good for as long as a person owns the animal.
- The Livestock Board and other agencies, such as animal control and sheriff's departments, are empowered to deal with animal abuse and cruelty cases. John Wortman, NM Livestock Board Executive Director, points out that other agencies are not necessarily prepared to evaluate or deal with livestock.
- All Livestock Inspectors carry cameras to record the condition of animals they are inspecting in cases of reported or suspected abuse or cruelty.
- The Livestock Board prefers to work with owners to improve the situation of abused or neglected animals rather than seeking to seize animals immediately. A judge must issue an order to seize property, based on "probably cause."
- The problem of animal abuse and neglect is often caused by ignorance rather than malice, according to Wortman. By warning and educating perpetrators of alleged animal neglect or abuse, the Board has a better chance of winning a case if it does go to court. "We lay a foundation," says Deputy Director Kevin McClellan. This foundation establishes that ignorance can no longer be used as an excuse for the alleged abuse.
- Another reminder: 60% of the Livestock Board's revenue is from a portion of the property tax on livestock. All horses are livestock whether they are for work or pleasure. All owners of livestock are required by law to report their livestock to their county assessor so they can be put on the tax role. The tax varies by county, but is about \$3 per head per year for commercial horses and about \$10 per head for those that are registered.

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624-6500

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Sheriff's Dept.
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Grants, NM 87020
287-7927

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445-5562

Raton City Animal Control
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769-7893

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762-5008

Curry County Animal Control
PO Box 1043
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769-2335

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355-2405

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393-8426

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Farmington Animal Shelter
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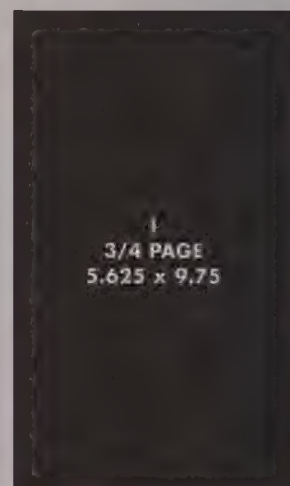
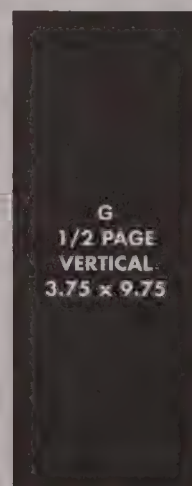
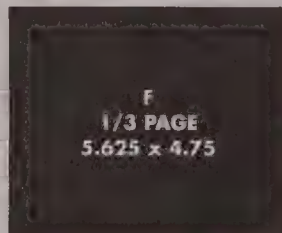
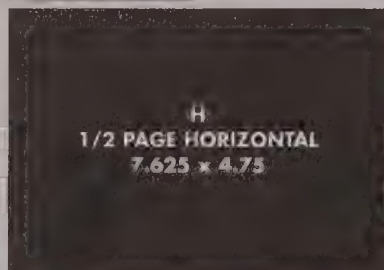
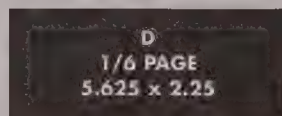
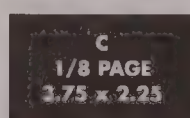
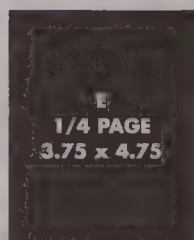
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Horse's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Breed: _____ Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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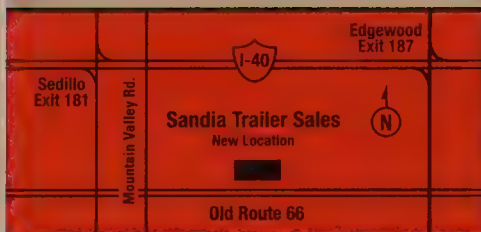
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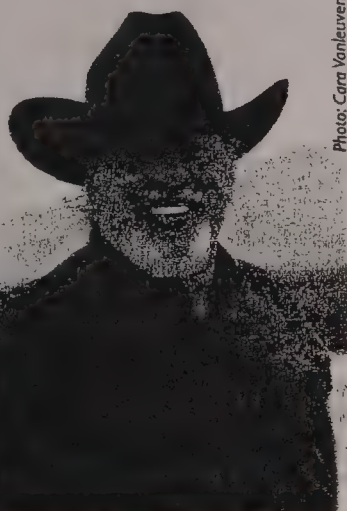
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LoPopolo is tracing our first horses.

Now LoPopolo, his wife, Cindy, and other volunteers from the New Mexico Horse Project in Valencia, N.M., (pop. 4,500) are using DNA tests to search for

When Carlos LoPopolo watches wild horses gallop across the desert, he sees more than their freedom and beauty. The historian sees the hope of saving a living legacy left by Spanish conquistadors a little more than 400 years ago.

The odyssey began when Spanish explorer Don Juan des Onate lost some of his 900 horses while searching for the mythical Golden City of El Dorado in the 1500s in what would eventually become New Mexico.

"Those 30 horses that des Onate lost in the 1500s became wild and survived in small herds in the wide open spaces of the Southwest for centuries," LoPopolo says. "But the descendants of those lost horses are not just any herd of wild horses. They are the closest thing we have to a Native American horse, a horse upon which this country was built."

the wild equine descendants of those Spanish horses.

LoPopolo got involved when Charles Perry, a local photographer, wanted him to write a story about claims that the area's wild horses were actual descendants of the horses lost by des Onate and other Spanish explorers and settlers who were with him. LoPopolo was skeptical, but Perry kept pressing.

"As a primary source historian, I need information from three reliable, authentic sources before I will declare something as a true historical fact for the record," LoPopolo says.

Meticulous records kept by the Spanish explorers and settlers of the 16th century showed that horses were indeed lost by des Onate and others, but those ancient words could not pinpoint the living descendants of those horses.

"A modern-day New Mexican horse descended from des Onate's lost horses stands about 14 hands (56 inches) high and is extremely muscular," LoPopolo says. "A New Mexican horse also has a Romanesque nose and big nostrils. New Mexican horses also have long manes, tails, and forelocks that never seem to be knotted, matted, or ratty."

LoPopolo and his volunteers turned to 21st century DNA science for further proof.

"The Spanish Colonial horse breed (that existed in the 16th century) no longer exists today, so a direct genetic comparison of it and the New Mexican horse is quite impossible," says Dr. E. Gus Cothran, director of the Equine Blood Typing Research Laboratory at the University of Kentucky.

But DNA samples collected by LoPopolo and his volunteers from the 300 wild New Mexican horses they've rounded up show that 20 of them are descended from equine lines with strong Spanish heritage and can be classified as distinctly New Mexican, Cothran says. He cautioned that a formal genetic analysis must still be completed.

LoPopolo wants to do more than identify additional descendants of the lost Spanish horses. He and the volunteers of the New Mexico Horse Project—a non-profit foundation he helped to create—want to ensure future generations of these uniquely American horses.

So he's looking for land where small bands of the horses can roam freely once he and his volunteers round them up from the wild or buy them from area ranchers.

Already, a stallion, two mares, and two foals now roam a 10,000-acre fenced land preserve in Valencia owned by the Campbell Farming Corp.

"Valencia is rich in history, and those horses are a part of the region's and nation's history," says Gene Rodriguez, a spokesman for the Campbell Farming Corp.

Those horses, the first rounded up by the project, were released in July 2001.

"It was our important first step, yet the clock still ticks against us," LoPopolo says. "Those horses daily face threats from natural predators such as mountain lions and bears that prey on weak and young horses and from ranchers who consider them a nuisance." ★



Conquistador mounts had long manes and tails.

Joseph Baneth Allen is a freelance writer in Jacksonville, Fla.

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El Rito Ranger District Looks To Thin Wild Horse Herd

The El Rito Ranger District, Carson National Forest, has proposed to reduce the existing herd of wild and free-roaming horses in the Jarita Mesa Wildhorse Territory from the existing 80 to 100 adults to 12 to 14 adults, plus foals.

Initial capture will begin in 2001 and continue until the objective of 12-14 head is achieved.

The initial reduction will be done by contract, as well as any future capture involving large numbers by helicopter or pushing of animals into traps.

Annual maintenance and capture of small numbers or passive capture methods, such as water traps, will be done by the Forest Service. These will be initiated whenever populations are determined to be in excess.

Reductions will be done and maintained by one or a combination by the following methods:

- Water traps with trigger gates. Horses push open a one-way gate to get access to a fenced pond. Once the horse is inside, the gate will not open outward and the animals are contained in the fenced enclosure around the water. This will be done in hot, dry weather when water is scarce.

- Feed traps with salt or miner-

al blocks, which use the same idea as water traps except use feed and/or salt or mineral blocks to entice the animals into the enclosure. This will be done when forage level is low, such as in times of drought or heavy snow conditions in winter.

- Push wild horses into traps with helicopters and/or horses. This involves chasing the animals into the fenced enclosure. This will be done in winters with sufficient snow conditions.

- Tranquilizer-darting from helicopter to remove excess stallions (This could reduce the number of herds and reduce propagation within the herd.) This will be a low priority and only if other methods don't work.

Other forest service objectives include:

- Develop two new water traps at existing ponds (La Jara and Lower Abrevadero) and update the existing management plan and maintain the population at 12 to 14 adults, plus foals, in about two herds.

The district proposes to remove the animals in the following order:

- (A)• The secretary shall order old, sick or lame animals to be destroyed in the most humane

manner possible.

- Relocate animals to other National Forest system lands that were identified as 1971 wild horse or burro territory, providing suitable habitat exists and relocation of animals will not jeopardize vegetation conditions.

- Relocate animals to other federally owned system lands that were identified as 1971 wild horse or burro occupied land providing suitable habitat exists and relocation of animals will not jeopardize vegetation condition and animals are requested by the appropriate land manager having jurisdiction.

- (B)• The secretary shall cause such number of additional excess wild free-roaming horses and burros to be humanely captured and removed for private maintenance and care for which he determines an adoption demand exists.

- (C)• The secretary shall cause additional excess wild free-roaming horses and burros for which an adoption demand by qualified individuals does not exist to be destroyed in the most humane and cost-efficient manner possible.

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